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Consumer, Health & Safety

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

Crime

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

Education

A concern about the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

Environment

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

Government

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

Jobs/Economy/Growth

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

Quality of Life

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, The News at 6:30 Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

Attachments



Consumer, Health & Safety

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2008**

Problem/Need: **CONSUMER, HEALTH & SAFETY**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays (airs weekly)	6:30am	TODAY'S HOMEOWNER

Description: A half-hour weekly television show that features information on how to maintain and improve your home, both inside and out. The approach to home improvement helps everyone from the experienced do-it-yourselfer to the first time homeowner. Projects are taken from start to finish in each weekly episode. (30:00)

July 1, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 1, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Natural Resources Department officers will offer safety inspections at several South Carolina public boat landings during the July Fourth weekend. Officers from the agency's Law Enforcement Division will perform the checks looking for proper safety equipment and boat and motor registrations. The agency said those not in compliance will not be ticketed, but will get the chance to correct the violation. The department said there have been 13 boating deaths on South Carolina waters as of mid-June. That compares with 16 boating fatalities all of last year. For a list of inspection sites, visit DNR's Web site at www.dnr.sc.gov.

July 1, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 1, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina is setting aside \$2 million to pay for cancer screening for low-income women. The money will be used for the Best Chance Network, which encourages testing for breast and cervical cancer. The extra money will help the program reach more women. It had been paid for with federal money and reached about 8,000 people in the state, or 10 percent of eligible women. Studies have shown uninsured cancer patients are much more likely to die from the disease than those with insurance.

July 5, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 5, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Hitting the road this Fourth of July weekend? According to AAA, not so much. For the first time this decade AAA officials estimated a decline in the number of Americans traveling this holiday weekend. AAA predicted about a half-million fewer drivers on the road -- all due to gas prices. AAA said the greatest number of Fourth of July travelers will come from the southeast, with about 8.7 million. However, if prices keep rising, many motorists said they will be driving less.

July 8, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 8, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Drug safety officials Tuesday imposed the government's most urgent safety warning on Cipro and similar antibiotics, citing evidence that they may lead to tendon ruptures, a serious injury that can leave patients incapacitated and needing extensive [surgery](#). The Food and Drug Administration ordered makers of flouoroquinolone drugs - a potent class of antibacterials - to add a prominent "black box" warning to their products and develop new literature for patients emphasizing the risks. Tendon ruptures are normally thought of as sports injuries, generally occurring usually among men in their mid-thirties. The link to treatment with the antibiotics is highly unusual, and scientists still don't fully understand why it happens. However, FDA officials stressed that many of the serious injuries appear to be preventable if patients stop taking the drug at the first sign of pain or swelling in a tendon, call their doctor, and switch to another antibiotic. The two leading drugs covered by the warning are Cipro, made by Bayer, and Levaquin, which is made by Ortho-McNeil. Cipro became a household name during the anthrax attacks of 2001. It is effective against that deadly bacteria, and is among the medications stockpiled by the government in case of a bio-terror attack. In everyday [medicine](#), Cipro is often used to treat urinary tract infections. Levaquin is generally used to treat respiratory infections. The FDA's action came after the consumer group Public Citizen petitioned-and later sued-the agency for such warnings. Regulators took too long to act, complained Sidney Wolfe, head of the consumer group's health section. Many injuries "would have been prevented if patients and doctors had known a pain in the tendon is an early sign that leads to rupture," Wolfe said. Public Citizen's original petition was filed nearly two years ago. FDA officials pointed out that prescribing literature for the drug class already carried clear warnings of the risk of tendon rupture. They said the agency acted to

emphasize the warnings because continued reports of injuries indicated that the message may not have gotten through to doctors and patients. "The continued reports demonstrate additional steps are warranted to better manage the risk of tendon rupture," said Renata Albrecht, director of an FDA office that focuses on unusual microbes. FDA officials said they had received several hundred reports of tendon ruptures, but would not cite a specific number. Wolfe, of Public Citizen, said the number was 407 at the end of 2007, with another 341 reports of tendinitis. He continued to criticize the agency, saying it should also require drug makers to send individual letters to doctors about the risks. FDA officials said manufacturers could choose to send such letters on their own. Tendons are cords of tissue that join muscles and bones, and are essential in movement. The most common kind of rupture reported to the FDA involved the Achilles tendon in the heel, but some also involved the rotator cuff in the shoulder, and tendons in the hands, biceps, and even the thumb. Some of the ruptures reported to the FDA occurred without warning - the patient felt a snap or pop soon after starting treatment. That suggests fluoroquinolone antibiotics may be toxic to some people, the FDA said. But typically, patients felt some kind of pain or inflammation for a week or two before they suffered a tendon rupture. That suggests that many of the most serious problems can be avoided if patients stop the drug, officials said. The FDA's analysis found that patients with the highest risk of problems include people over 60, those with kidney, heart and lung transplants, and those also taking steroids.

July 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 11, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Two researchers said today's high gas prices could cut auto deaths by as much as a third as driving decreases. The effect may be particularly dramatic among teenage drivers, who are more price-sensitive than adults. A study by professors Michael Morrissey of the University of Alabama and David Grabowski of Harvard Medical School found that for every 10 percent increase in gas prices there was a 2.3 percent decline in auto deaths. For drivers aged 15 to 17 the decline was 6 percent and for ages 18 to 21 it was 3.2 percent. The study looked at fatalities through 2006, before the latest run up in gas prices. With gas now averaging over \$4 a gallon, Morrissey said he expects to see a drop of about 1,000 deaths a month.

July 14, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 14, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The nation's major airports will be getting "go-don't go" lights that tell pilots when a runway is safe to enter. The Federal Aviation Administration said the lighting systems will be installed at 21 airports over the next three years. A description posted on the FAA's Web site said the lights change color to signal when a runway is safe to enter or cross. The announcement follows criticism by federal lawmakers and others over an alarming rate of runway incursions at airports. Incursions are defined as an event in which any aircraft, vehicle or person intrudes in space reserved for takeoff or landing. Since 1990, 63 people have died in six U.S. runway collisions. The announcement comes amid criticism of FAA officials by federal lawmakers and others over an alarming rate of runway incursions at airports. "Severe runway incursions are down," said acting FAA Administrator Robert Sturgell. "And, we're putting technology and procedures in place to keep it that way. We're making changes on the runway and in the cockpit that are going to make a significant difference." On July 8, the FAA engaged in a public dispute with air traffic controllers that two passenger jets nearly collided at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. The FAA said radar tapes showed the planes were not in danger and there was no potential for contact. The agency said the planes came no closer than a half-mile horizontally and 300 feet vertically. National Air Traffic Controllers Association spokesman Barrett Byrnes said the planes came within 100 feet of each other vertically and practically zero miles horizontally. The typical distance is 1,000 feet and three miles. Saturday night's incident involved a Cayman Airways jet that was landing and a LAN-Chile flight that was taking off. Byrnes said the inbound pilot was ordered to take a hard left while the outbound pilot made a hard right. The controllers association said the incident illustrated the danger of using perpendicular runways at the same time -- such as the practice at Kennedy.

July 14, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 14, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The widow of an Anderson County motorcyclist killed in a crash late Saturday night urged other bikers to wear helmets when they are out for a ride, in an exclusive interview with FOX Carolina. Troopers said 35-year-old Rodney Van Wieren was killed when he lost control of his motorcycle on Hattons Road near Townville and crashed into a guard rail. Van Wieren's wife, Heather, visited the scene of the crash on Sunday afternoon, which is about a quarter of a mile from their home. "I'm just in total shock," Van Wieren said. "It feels like it's not real." Troopers said Rodney Van Wieren got his riding permit in May. "He was very excited about the bike," Van Wieren said. "He loved riding it." Rodney Van Wieren was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, troopers said. That was the way he liked to ride, Van Wieren's wife said. "I bought him one of the nicest helmets they had," Van Wieren said. "He didn't like to wear it." Van Wieren said she understands bikers have a choice in South Carolina whether to wear their helmet, but she said the laws should be tougher when it comes to that choice. She said there's a lot more at stake than being comfortable during a ride. "You need to think about your family and your children," Van Wieren said. Troopers said they will never know exactly what led to the crash, but they said Rodney Van

Wieren's lack of riding experience led to the crash. "Never take for granted when someone walks or drives away," Van Wieren said. "Be careful choosing your words, because they may be your last."

July 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 15, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Police have been watching shoppers at Haywood Mall for five years through five cameras they control and some shoppers said they feel safer knowing that. The five cameras are located on the mall's roof and they are controlled at the Greenville County Law Enforcement Center. "These are recorded 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Cpl. Jason Rampey with Greenville police. Rampey said from January 2007 to now, there have only been four robberies at the mall. He said the cameras have become a deterrent for criminals. "We can pan around with the cameras and they let us know what's going on in real time," Rampey said. Some shoppers told FOX Carolina that they feel safer knowing police are keeping a watchful eye on the goings-on at Haywood Mall. "I'm a single girl shopping by myself and it just makes me feel a lot safer," said Callie Denison, a shopper. Police said the five cameras at the mall are only a part of a network of 113 cameras throughout Greenville. The other 108 cameras are watching things in downtown. "We are able to track criminals by using the cameras and these monitors," said Amy Austin, operations coordinator at the law enforcement center, as she pointed to scenes of downtown on several screens. Police said no matter how much of an eye they have on shoppers, they encourage each patron to be aware of their surroundings at all times.

July 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 15, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Soaring costs for gasoline and food have pushed [inflation](#) at the wholesale level up by a larger-than-expected amount in June, leaving inflation rising over the past year at the fastest pace in more than a quarter-century. The Labor Department reported that wholesale prices jumped by 1.8 percent last month, the biggest one-month rise since last November. Over the past 12 months, wholesale prices were up 9.2 percent, the largest year-over-year surge since June 1981, another period when soaring energy costs were giving the country inflation pains. Core inflation, which excludes energy and food, was better behaved in June, rising by just 0.2 percent, slightly lower than expectations. Meanwhile, retail sales edged up by a weaker amount than expected in June as sales at auto dealerships plunged. The Commerce Department reported that retail sales increased by just 0.1 percent last month, even weaker than the 0.4 percent gain that analysts had been expecting. That small rise reflected a 3.3 percent drop in sales at auto dealerships, reflecting the troubles the U.S. auto industry is facing with a weak economy and soaring gasoline prices. Overall retail sales were supported by a big 4.6 percent jump in sales at gasoline stations, an increase that largely reflected the huge jump in pump prices.

July 21, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 21, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Stereotypes about overweight workers being lazier, emotionally unstable or harder to get along with are false, according to a Michigan State University professor of human resources. Mark Roehling led a team that looked at [body weight](#) and personality traits in nearly 3,500 people. Overweight and obese adults were not found to be significantly less conscientious, less agreeable, less extraverted or less emotionally stable, a news release said. "Previous research has demonstrated that many employers hold negative stereotypes about obese workers, and those beliefs contribute to discrimination against overweight workers at virtually every stage of the employment process, from hiring to promotion to firing," Roehling said. Roehling said employers should take steps to prevent managers from using weight as a factor for job decisions, including making weight-based stereotypes part of diversity training. The research appears in the current edition of the journal Group and Organization Management.

July 21, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 21, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Gas stations across the country are increasingly offering discounts for fuel purchases made with cash as high oil prices eat into their profits. The difference of 10 cents a gallon or more has some customers used to paying with a credit card irate, but station owners say they have to do something to turn a profit. "If we pay 3 percent or even a little less than that at \$4 a gallon in a credit card fee and I'm making 12 cents a gallon, that's my entire profit," said Paul Kelly, who owns a Sunoco station in New Jersey. Customer Jim Coogan hadn't read the signs and didn't realize he would be paying 10 cents a gallon more at Kelly's Sunoco when he swiped his credit card. "I don't think that's fair," he said when a reporter pointed out the difference. "It's a matter of survival for us," Kelly said of the extra credit card charge. Brandon Wright, manager of communications for the Petroleum Marketers Association of America, said the high gas prices hit station owners in two ways -- the transaction fee they pay credit card processors and less business for profitable items inside the store. "Fewer folks are driving, meaning less convenience store traffic," Wright said. Wright said the discount for cash purchases shouldn't surprise anyone. Station owners

are required to clearly post either separate prices for cash and credit or signs noting a discount for cash, said Wright, whose 8,000-member organization covers 100,000 of the nation's 160,000 gas stations. Motorist Miles Walcott of New Haven, Connecticut, told CNN affiliate WTNH-TV that he'd change his routine to take advantage of a cash discount. "I don't normally carry that much money around with me cause it'll probably take about \$90 to \$100 to fill my tank up. So I mean if I was gonna save some money by using cash as opposed to using a credit card then I would go to the ATM first," Walcott said. Credit companies say they've made accommodations to try to keep credit card use competitive, but rising prices at the pump shouldn't be blamed on them. "The oil companies have a bizarre arrangement with station owners. The oil companies restrict what the gas station owners can charge per gallon, up from the wholesale price, by 7 to 12 cents," said Trish Wexler, spokesperson for the Electronic Payments Coalition. That doesn't allow station owners to recoup their costs, which increase percentagewise. "The oil companies are squeezing them," she said. "The cost associated with accepting credit and debit at the pump is a cost of doing business, much like rent, utilities and salaries and frankly the cost of accepting cash, because there is a cost associated with that as well," including staff to take money and security plans to protect the cash, Wexler said. Visa said last month it was reducing its cut on petroleum purchases to give station owners and consumers a break. "By lowering our rates, we hope to see oil companies pass these savings along to their stations and ultimately to consumers," said Bill Sheedy, global head of corporate strategy and business development for Visa Inc. MasterCard has also capped its fees on petroleum purchases to try to keep down prices. Both MasterCard and Visa point out that credit and debit cards offer security and convenience that they say beats cash. For some customers, that's an important consideration. "What if somebody jumps me? Can't do that," trucker Martin Bouvet, of Garfield, New Mexico, told CNN affiliate KFOX-TV. On the West Coast, cash discounts on gas are nothing new. ARCO, a unit of **BP** America which bills itself as the leading gasoline marketer in the West, stopped accepting credit cards in 1982. The policy allows ARCO customers to save 6 to 7 cents a gallon, the company says. It accepts debit cards, but charges a 45-cent transaction fee. A check of the Web site gasbuddy.com, which tracks gas prices in cities across the country, shows the difference can be substantially larger. An ARCO on Palomar Airport Road in Carlsbad, California, was selling regular for \$4.27 a gallon on Monday. Just a few miles down the same street, Chevron and Mobil stations advertised regular for \$4.59 a gallon. Charles Langley, who has tracked Southern California gas prices for the Utility Consumers' Action Network for 10 years, says drivers who charge their gas can actually end up paying substantially more than the 32 cents in the Carlsbad comparison. "More people are financing gas," he said, incurring interest payments along with the cost of the fuel. And he said credit card users need to be more aware and just check posted prices to save money. "Credit card buyers are notorious for not looking at the **price of gas**," he said, staying loyal to either their brand of gasoline or credit card they've used for a long time. Langley says he personally stopped paying for gas with plastic, and now drives by the motto, "More gas for less cash."

July 22, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 22, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Those of you planning for retirement have a new tool: a fast and easy online estimator for Social [Security](#) benefits. It takes just a few points and clicks and some [personal information](#) to produce benefit estimates within a few minutes. The new calculator will be followed this fall by an updated online application for benefits. The Social Security administrator has promised that it will reduce application time from the current 45-minute process to 15 minutes as the agency rides the baby boom wave. It would eliminate the need for follow-up visits to agency field offices.

July 30, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 30, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The House has passed a far-reaching consumer safety bill that bans lead and other dangerous chemicals from toys and other products that could wind up in children's mouths. The bill also requires that many children's products be tested by third parties before they can end up on store shelves. Consumer groups praised the measure. It is a direct response to the recall last year of some 45 million toys and children's products, some contaminated by lead and many from China. A Senate vote could send the measure to the president as early as this week.

August 13, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 13, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: BMW AG is recalling 200,000 vehicles over concerns that the front passenger air bag may not deploy in a crash. The German automaker said the recall involves the 2006 3 Series, the 2004-2006 5 Series, and the 2004-2006 X3 compact [sport utility vehicle](#). The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in a posting on its Web site Wednesday that small cracks could develop in a seat detection mat and lead to the front passenger air bags to be deactivated. It would also turn on the passenger air bag "on-off" light. NHTSA said the head protection system would not be affected. The company said last month there had been no injuries or accidents tied to the problem.

August 13, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 13, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Americans continued to drive less at the start of the summer, new Department of Transportation data shows. Since last November, Americans have driven 53.2 billion miles less than they did over the same period a year earlier, topping 1970s total decline of 49.3 billion miles. "We can't afford to continue pinning our transportation network's future to the gas tax," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters. "Advances in higher fuel-efficiency vehicles and alternative fuels are making the gas tax an even less sustainable support for funding roads, bridges and transit systems." Americans drove 4.7 percent less, or 12.2 billion miles fewer, in June 2008 than June 2007. The decline is most evident in rural travel, which has fallen by 4 percent -- compared to the 1.2 percent decline in urban miles traveled -- since the [trend](#) began last November. The national average price of regular unleaded gas in June went from \$3.97 to almost \$4.10 per gallon. Travel Industry Association spokeswoman Cathy Keefe said the June driving decline "is not surprising, given the environment that we were in." But she was optimistic that the recent drop in [gas prices](#) to below \$4 a gallon in many parts of the country will have travelers on the road again. Last month, Peters unveiled a transportation reform plan which offered lawmakers several options to consider when Congress takes up highway and transit legislation next year. "It really makes little sense to try to upgrade our infrastructure using a revenue source as ineffective, unsustainable and unpopular as the fuel tax," she added. As Americans drive fewer miles, less revenue is generated for the Highway Trust Fund from gasoline and diesel sales -- 18.4 cents per gallon and 24.4 cents per gallon, respectively. During the first quarter of 2008, motorists consumed nearly 400 million fewer gallons of gasoline, or about 1.3 percent less than during the same period in 2007, and 7 percent less -- or 318 million gallons -- of diesel.

August 27, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 27, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Although gas prices have dropped sharply in the Carolinas this summer, Labor Day weekend travel is still expected to be down almost 1 percent from last year. AAA Carolinas reported Wednesday it projects 720,300 North Carolina drivers will travel more than 100 miles this coming weekend. About 352,000 South Carolina drivers are expected to do the same. Auto club president David Parsons said gas prices have dropped every day for the past 39 days and are about 10 percent lower than during the Fourth of July weekend. However, Parsons said gas is about 94 cents a gallon more than a year ago. The statewide average for a gallon in North Carolina is almost \$3.61. The South Carolina average is almost \$3.45 a gallon. The national average is nearly \$3.68 a gallon.

August 29, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 29, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Gasoline prices rose for the first time in more than a month, according to a nationwide survey of gas station credit card swipes Friday. The average price of regular unleaded gasoline rose nine-tenths of a cent to \$3.669 a gallon from \$3.66 a day earlier, according to motorist group AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. The price increase is the first in more than 40 days since falling from a record high of \$4.114 a gallon set July 17. Gas prices had been following an 18% decline in the price of crude oil - the main ingredient of gas. Overall, gas prices have fallen off their highs in recent weeks. But prices at the pump are still 33% above the same time last year, when a gallon of gas cost \$2.769.

September 12, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 12, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Gas customers across South Carolina were hurrying to top off their tanks on Friday as Hurricane Ike shuts down some refineries along the Gulf Coast. Cayce resident Rosa Bailey said she rushed to a Shell station Friday morning to fill up her family's truck with \$3.79 regular unleaded. She worried prices would skyrocket even higher as they did in 2005 before Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast. After Katrina, prices spiked to \$3 a gallon, then a high price, and some stations ran out of gasoline. The upper Texas coast accounts for one-fifth of U.S. refining capacity. There were lines for gasoline Thursday night in Columbia, Sumter and Greenville. AAA Carolinas chief David Parsons said topping off tanks would make the situation worse before officials know how bad the damage from the storm will be.

September 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 15, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Teen pregnancy rates increased in South Carolina after declining for more than a decade, state health officials said Monday. Figures released by state health officials showed more than 10,000 girls between ages 10 and 19 got pregnant in South Carolina in 2006. That is 3.6 percent of all girls that age. The rate reached a low of 3.3 percent three years earlier. More than a quarter of the girls had been pregnant before. The South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Pregnancy said people have become complacent about keeping teens from getting pregnant. The group wants schools and teen groups to get back to teaching abstinence and age appropriate information about contraception. The counties with the highest teen pregnancy rates were Allendale and Chester.

September 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 15, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: New estimates of HIV cases in South Carolina shows the infection rate among blacks is higher than for all other races combined. The estimates released last week by state Department of Health and Environmental Control also show that men are infected at nearly twice the rate of women. The estimates come from an analysis of repeat blood tests and testing history from people who initially were diagnosed in 2006. Before, the state could only count the number of cases detected and could not track the true number of new infections. The number of cases detected has declined steadily over the past several years. DHEC estimates there were 990 new cases in 2006, while the number of people diagnosed that year was 777.

September 16, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 16, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Duke Energy has asked South Carolina regulators to allow the utility to raise rates 6 percent for homes and up to 11 percent for [businesses](#) because of fuel costs. Duke Energy spokeswoman Paige Sheehan said the Charlotte-based utility has to pay more for coal used to make power, with prices tripling since last year in some cases. Sheehan said the increase would mean a \$5 rise in an \$80 electric bill. The Public Service Commission is reviewing the request and is expected to rule in the next two weeks. Several other utilities across South Carolina have also asked to increase [rates](#) because of rising fuel costs.

September 22, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 22, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: There are still some isolated problems with gas supplies in parts of North and South Carolina; however, A spokeswoman for AAA-Carolinas said the good news is that gas prices are slowly coming down. Carol Gifford said shortages remain throughout both states, in particular in Asheville and Charlotte in North Carolina and Columbia, S.C. Oil refineries are still working at reduced levels after the recent hurricanes, Gifford said. Gifford said the average price of a gallon of regular unleaded in South Carolina is now \$3.87. She said the average in North Carolina is \$3.93, down two cents from Sunday's level. Gifford said on the national level, gas prices have fallen five days in a row.

September 23, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 23, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Fights broke out between motorists waiting in long lines for fuel at an Asheville station and managers called police for help. The Asheville Citizen-Times reported that three fights occurred Monday at Roadrunner Shell. Station manager Marsha Messer directed lines of cars in her lot and said people are panicked about the shortage. Some experts said Asheville's distance from the Colonial Pipeline could be adding to the shortage. The pipeline is the main source of East Coast gasoline supplies that were reduced after Hurricane Ike closed oil refineries on the Gulf Coast. Buncombe County deputy fire marshal Mack Salley said he's talked to local distributors who said they're sending trucks to get gas and they're coming back empty.

September 26, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 26, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Two weeks after Hurricane Ike disrupted oil production, a gasoline shortage continues in parts of North Carolina. Asheville city officials have closed offices, the civic center and all parks and recreation centers because of the shortage. "It's been a nightmare for everybody," said one driver who was pumping gas on Thursday. There have been fights at the pumps as drivers accuse each other of breaking in line, police said. Police said they have monitored stations that are getting new fuel shipments and making sure the rush to fill up does not get out of hand. Carol Gifford with AAA said stations are waiting for deliveries, but are unsure how much gasoline they will get. Gifford said it's important for people not to buy gas unless they need it. The News & Observer of Raleigh reported that Alan Hirsch with Gov. Mike Easley's office said the terminal in Spartanburg, S.C., that serves western North Carolina was being refilled Thursday. Hirsch said the Charlotte terminal was expected to be refilled Friday.

September 30, 2008
September 30, 2008

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Drivers in South Carolina's urban areas are still having trouble finding gas, and car towing in those areas is on the rise. The American Automobile Association of the Carolinas spokesman Tom Crosby said the group has seen a 25 percent increase in car towing over the past few weeks in parts of North Carolina and South Carolina where fuel availability was scarce. "We tow for AAA and we've got some calls for fuel deliveries, but they've changed their policy and now they only give us enough gas to get to the nearest gas station whether they have gas or not," said one tow-truck driver in Anderson. In Greenville, motorists still had to drive to a few stations to find fuel. Once they found fuel, some drivers had to wait in line for about 15 minutes to fill up. Columbia and Spartanburg also had limited availability, though it was slightly easier to find gas along the coast. Authorities said availability of gasoline is beginning to improve but may not be back to normal for another two weeks. Prices in South Carolina remain stable and have dropped in some areas over the past few days. Crosby said the average price of regular gas in South Carolina on Monday was \$3.80 per gallon. The national average was \$3.64. NC Governor Says More Gasoline Arriving In State: Gov. Mike Easley said gasoline distributors in Charlotte can get more fuel for stations they serve if they haul their trucks to the coast. Easley said Monday gas at port terminals in Wilmington and two other states should help reduce supply problems in North Carolina. Some gas stations in western North Carolina have been empty for days. The governor said his office is trying to connect needy distributors to the oil companies with port supplies. Gasoline has been slow in coming out of the pipeline terminal in Charlotte. Easley said some oil companies have not released their full supply because they are worried they will run out before the next shipment. Easley said the supply problems ultimately will work itself out but urged consumers to "reasonably conserve" gasoline until then.

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Crime

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2008**

Problem/Need: **CRIME**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays	8:00pm	COPS
Saturdays (airs weekly)	8:30pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	1:00pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	1:30pm	COPS

DESCRIPTION: COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (30:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	9:00pm	AMERICA'S MOST WANTED
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DESCRIPTION: AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	2:30am	MISSING
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DESCRIPTION: Missing is a weekly half-hour reality series featuring actual cases of missing individuals, both adult and juvenile, from across the United States. (30:00)

Monday – Sunday	10:00 pm	FOX CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED
Monday – Friday	5:00a-9:00am	

DESCRIPTION: The FOX Carolina's Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday and The Morning News Monday thru Friday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

July 1, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 1, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The Greenville County Coroner's Office said a missing girl whose body was found in a closet in a vacant home was sexually assaulted and then suffocated. The body of 8-year-old Dymia Woody was found in a mobile home at 104 Carly Drive late Monday night. The discovery was made by a search dog that was helping locate the girl after her mother reported her missing around 10:30 p.m. Monday. Deputies said the dog found an open door on the vacant mobile home, went inside and found Woody's body inside a closet. The coroner's office said Woody died from asphyxiation because of a breathing obstruction. They said there were also visible signs of sexual assault on Woody's body. The coroner's office said they are being vague about the circumstances surrounding the girl's death to protect the integrity of the investigation. Deputies spent much of Tuesday morning collecting DNA and clothing samples from people in the community. Residents said they are shocked and that Woody was not the type of child to stay out too late. They describe their neighborhood as tight-knit, where everyone knows each other. "This is horrible," said Renee Woody, Dymia's mother. "I wouldn't wish this on anybody, and I don't know why this happened. I just want answers. That's all." As of 4 p.m. Tuesday, deputies had not made an arrest in the case. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the latest information.

July 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 2, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Investigators on Wednesday said they charged a 14-year-old with murder, criminal sexual conduct and kidnapping in the death of an 8-year-old Greenville girl. Sheriff's deputies said the boy lived in the same neighborhood where Dymia Woody was found dead in a vacant mobile home, FOX Carolina News reported. The discovery was made by a search dog that was helping locate the girl after her mother reported her missing at about 10:30 p.m. on Monday. Deputies said the dog found an open door on the vacant mobile home, went inside and found Woody's body inside a closet. The coroner's office said the girl died from asphyxiation because of a breathing obstruction. They said there were also visible signs of sexual assault on Woody's body. Investigators said they believe the boy may have known Woody. According to deputies, the 14-year-old met with investigators at an area law enforcement center where he and his mother were told about the charges. Authorities said the boy will be charged as a juvenile and that the Solicitor's Office will have to make a determination whether or not to upgrade the charges to that of an adult. Sheriff's deputies said part of the decision to arrest the boy was made based on DNA results that were received on Wednesday afternoon. Authorities said the 14-year-old will be held pending a Family Court hearing. Stay with FOX Carolina News for the latest updates in this story.

July 6, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 6, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Barry Scott Martin Jr., an inmate who escaped from Manning Correctional Institution in Columbia on June 30, was arrested Sunday afternoon in Greenville County. At about 4 p.m., a deputy with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office spotted Martin traveling in a stolen truck, police officials said. They said Martin refused to pull over, and a chase ensued. While traveling along the 100 block of Rainbow Road in Greenville, Martin's vehicle struck a telephone pole. Martin was thrown from the vehicle and was transported to Greenville Memorial Hospital, where he is being treated for his injuries, officials said. Upon release, Martin, who is serving a 10-year sentence for three counts of breaking into a motor vehicle, will be transported and housed in a medium or maximum security facility, officials said. Manning, from where he escaped, is a minimum security correctional institution. Martin faces felony escape charges, which could mean an additional sentence of one to 15 years in prison.

July 7, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 7, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Authorities said bond has been set for a South Carolina mother charged with murdering her 7-year-old son after she claimed a carjacker had smothered the child. Amanda Raegan Smith remained in jail Monday after bond was set at \$250,000. Smith was arrested last November. Marcia Barker, spokeswoman for the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office, said defense attorneys recently asked for the bond hearing. She declined further comment. A call to Smith's attorney, John Mauldin, was not immediately returned Monday. Last August, Smith told authorities that a knife-wielding carjacker forced her to drive to a secluded, wooded area in Greenville. Once there, she said the carjacker locked the car doors and pressed a pillow to her son's face. Authorities said autopsy results showed the boy died of asphyxia due to neck compression.

July 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 10, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said a Greer man was charged in connection with 29 auto burglaries that happened during the first part of May. Kevin Michael Anderson, 25, was arrested on July 2 and charged with 29 counts of auto breaking, 24 counts of petit larceny and five counts of grand larceny. Deputies said Anderson was responsible for numerous auto break-ins in the Taylors and Lake Cunningham area. They said in many of the cases the vehicles were left unlocked and valuables were in plain sight. Anderson was being held at the Greenville County Detention Center on a \$188,000 bond. Deputies urged residents to take precautions to safeguard their belongings inside their cars. They said thieves typically walk through an area looking for unlocked vehicles. They said many people leave purses, wallets, computers and electronics in the open, which encourages the thieves to steal them. Deputies said residents should lock their vehicles anytime they are unattended and put valuables in a locked trunk or glove box.

July 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 10, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies arrested nine people last week after raiding two homes and find a methamphetamine lab inside one of them. Deputies said they served warrants at a 312 Goldmine Road around 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Chemicals and laboratory equipment used to make methamphetamine were found in several rooms inside the home, deputies said. Deputies arrested 59-year-old Kenneth Thrift, 45-year-old Douglas Suttles, 32-year-old Deborah Watkins, 37-year-old Gerald Evans and 30-year-old April Scott. Each was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. In a separate raid at 290 Goldmine Road, deputies arrested four other people after discovering a small quantity of methamphetamine inside the home. Arrested were 39-year-old Lloyd Trent, 50-year-old Curtis Sewell, 45-year-old Donna Brown and 39-year-old Sherry Vernon. Trent was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine. Sewell, Brown and Vernon were charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. All nine were being held at the Spartanburg County Detention Facility.

July 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 15, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: An [investment](#) firm closed its doors and the Federal Bureau of Investigation was called in to investigate how the company used their clients' money. Comprehensive Financial Solutions, an investment agency owned by Daryl Batts, closed its doors about two weeks ago. Clients said they found out about the closing, by showing up to the business and finding the doors locked. They said they went to Batts' home and found a letter on his door directing them to contact his attorney. Since then, investors said they have not heard from the owner and have not seen any of the money they turned over to the business. Larry Brock, one of CFS's investors, said he gave the company about \$225,000 for the purpose of investment. "It's all gone," said Brock. "Hopefully it's not, but all indications are that it's all gone." Some other clients said they signed over their homes and retirement plans, hoping to see a return on that investment. Some clients said Batts told them that their investments were backed by Mass Mutual. They said they have heard from the company and have a conference scheduled with them to figure out if their money is safe. In the meantime, investigators with the FBI have been called in to find out if there was any [fraud](#) behind the closing of CFS. So far, no arrests have been made. FOX Carolina called Batts' attorney and he said questions should be directed to the FBI. FOX Carolina also left a message for the FBI agent handling the case, but that call was not returned as of Tuesday morning.

July 16, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 16, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The head of a small South Carolina investment firm has pleaded guilty to bilking dozens of people of about \$6 million. U.S. Attorney Walt Wilkins said Daryl Batts pleaded guilty Wednesday to one count each of securities fraud and mail fraud. Batts owned and operated Comprehensive Financial Solutions Inc. in Easley. Wilkins said authorities think about 150 people invested about \$6 million with Batts' firm. Wilkins said Batts used money from his investors for himself instead of investing it. Batts' attorney did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment. Batts faces up to 50 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine.

July 18, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 18, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The director and vice president of the Miss South Carolina Pageant, Joseph Sanders IV, has been charged with having inappropriate contact with a girl. The aunt of the victim said her niece was raped by Sanders. Police said the incidents happened at a hotel in Easley in 2005. Police would not go into specifics of what Sanders was accused of doing. However, the 12-year-old girl's aunt said her niece told her exactly what Sanders did to her. "The things that my niece is saying that Joey Sanders did to her over the past years, she is stating all the way up to forceable rape," the alleged victim's aunt said. Sanders was charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct. Sanders could not be reached for comment, but his attorney, Bill Coates, said, "Mr. Sanders absolutely denies the charges and expects to be exonerated." Also charged in the case was Anita Gearhart. She was charged with unlawful conduct toward a child. Police would not elaborate on her connection to the case.

July 24, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 24, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said that two robberies at two different convenience stores in the past two days may be connected. The latest robbery happened just before 10 p.m. Wednesday at the Sunoco gas station near the intersection of Clemson Boulevard and Sandy Springs Road. Deputies said two men walked into the store with guns, shot at the clerk, beat him up and walked out with the cash register. They said the clerk was not injured by the gunfire, but suffered injuries during the physical attack by the bandits. The other robbery happened at a Stop-A-Minit convenience store on Tuesday night. Deputies said surveillance video showed two men, carrying guns and wearing white shirts, boxers and bandanas over their faces, walked into the store and opened fire. They said the clerk was hit in the leg. The men were seen jumping over the counter, raiding the cash register and walking out with cash. The clerk was treated for the gunshot wound and released from the hospital. Deputies asked anyone with information on either of these two robberies to call the Anderson County Sheriff's Department.

July 30, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 30, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said a 13-year-old girl was raped by two teenage boys who dragged her into the woods near a convenience store. The rape happened near the corner of Cottage Avenue and Rice Avenue on Monday night. The girl told deputies that she was standing on Cottage Avenue behind a Li'l Cricket convenience store when two boys approached her. She said they grabbed her by the hood of her jacket and dragged her into some nearby woods. Deputies said the two boys told the victim that if she screamed or fought back they would do something bad to her. Investigators said the boys pulled down the girl's pants and put their hands over her mouth. That was when the boys took turns raping her, they said. Deputies arrested 16-year-old Devonta Mobley and 16-year-old Lewis Maxwell in connection with the case. Each of the boys were charged with criminal sexual conduct with a minor. They said each of the boys will be charged as adults. Both Mobley and Maxwell were being held at the Department of Juvenile Justice in Columbia until their bond hearing in Union.

August 8, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 8, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A former employee of an Anderson County charity has been charged with a fourth count of molesting a teenage girl. Deputies said the incidents happened at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club on Evergreen Street. According to arrest warrants, 41-year-old Mikel Boseman rubbed the breasts of a 13-year-old girl, squeezed the breasts and buttocks of an 11-year-old girl, squeezed the buttocks of a 10-year-old girl and rubbed his genital area on a 13-year-old's buttocks starting on July 28. "This is hard to believe because he's always such a good man," said Eve Wideman, whose children attend the center. "He's always done what he can to help everyone in the program." Boseman was charged with four counts of committing a lewd act on a minor. He appeared in an Anderson County courtroom via closed-circuit television for his bond hearing on Friday. He was seen wiping tears from his eyes as the judge asked if he had an attorney. Boseman was assigned a \$45,000 bond. Salvation Army officials said Boseman resigned from his job with the charity on Thursday.

August 12, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 12, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Greenville city leaders are considering a curfew for unaccompanied teens that would require those minors to be off the streets by 11 p.m. Police said in recent weeks they've noticed hundreds of teens gathering at Reedy River Falls Park on Friday and Saturday nights. They said that last Saturday night, between 500 and 800 young people were at the park. "It was packed, essentially," said Dante Swinton, a Greenville resident, who was downtown last weekend. "They were all up and down Main Street. It was crazy, to say the least." Police said they have also recently noticed an increase in crimes in the area ranging from fights to attempted robbery. They said during one of the fights, they found a teen lying on the ground, bleeding. They have also responded to some car burglaries, vandalism and loitering, police said. With that in mind, city officials said they are now looking at an ordinance that would establish a curfew for minors who are not with their parents. Last weekend, the city shut down Reedy River Falls Park to unaccompanied minors at 9 p.m. The curfew being considered would require those minors, citywide, to be indoors by 11 p.m. City Manager Jim Bourey said the park will continue to close to minors who are not with their parents at 9 p.m. Bourey said as for the city-wide curfew, it is only being talked about right now. He said if the city decides to enact the curfew it would take at least a month for it to go into effect.

August 12, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 12, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said 12 laptops were stolen from Charter Communications headquarters in Greenville County that contained information on some of their employees. The theft happened at 125 The Parkway on July 11. A company spokesman said the computers contained information on thousands of current and former employees. Charter mailed out letters to the employees affected, including 1,000 people in South Carolina. The letters told the recipients that personal information may be compromised. The spokesman said everyone affected by the burglary will be given a year of free credit monitoring service. The spokesman said there was no indication that the information has been used for criminal activity.

August 21, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 21, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Police charged a 21-year-old man with stealing a collection jar for donations to the family of a slain North Carolina Highway Patrol trooper. Authorities charged Tanoli George of Cherokee with taking the collection jar for the late Trooper David Shawn Blanton Jr.'s family from a Jackson County gas station, the Asheville Citizen-Times reported Thursday. The station is near the entrance to the Cherokee Indian reservation. Jackson County Sheriff's Capt. Steve Lillard said George already was in custody for thefts in the Qualla community. Lillard said it wasn't known how much money was in the collection jar. George was arrested with others on Aug. 13 on other charges and an officer noticed that he fit the description of a man wanted for taking the donation jar during a July 18 robbery. The store's surveillance camera recorded a picture of the suspect and his car. George is in jail under \$19,000 bail. He is charged with felony breaking and entering, felony larceny, felony possession of stolen property and two counts of misdemeanor larceny. Blanton died June 17 when he was shot during a traffic stop on Interstate 40 in Canton. Eduardo Wong II, 37, of Ormond Beach, Fla., was charged with first-degree murder in the trooper's death. Prosecutors said they plan to seek a death penalty if Wong is convicted. No trial date has been set. Blanton and his wife, Michaela, had a premature son, Tye, who was born before his father was shot. The baby has serious heart and neurological conditions and has been listed in critical condition. Various groups have been raising funds for the family with motorcycle rides, golf tournaments and collection jars.

August 21, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 21, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Residents are alarmed after the Anderson County Sheriff's Office released an eight-page list of registered sex offenders. The document outlines each school district and the addresses of convicted sex offenders who live within them. "I think it's pretty scary," said Amanda Menefee, a parent. "I didn't realize there were that many in our school district." Under South Carolina law, sex offenders are required to live at least 1,000 feet away from schools and day care centers unless they were living there prior to the law's enactment. "I see every ZIP code in Anderson," said local pastor Jim Thomason. "It's not like one is dominant. It's all over and it's sad." District 5 has the highest concentration, with 150 registered sex offenders within the district; although, there are dozens of sex offenders in others as well. Though lists like these make it possible to either go online or drive by these addresses to locate the offenders, the Foot Hills Alliance Center -- an organization that assists abused children -- said these lists can also point the finger the wrong way. "I think in some ways it's misleading because typically in the cases we work with, children know their perpetrators," said Rose Morrison, a worker in the sexual trauma center. "They know the person that is abusing them. Counselors stress the importance of teaching children what to do when confronted with an uncomfortable situation. "It's OK to say 'no,' and it's OK to be loud about it," said Morrison.

September 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 11, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Authorities have seized more than 400 gallons of mash and 36 gallons of illegal moonshine in a raid on a sophisticated still operation in the North Carolina mountains. Officials said the raid in Madison County was the first in recent memory despite the area's history of making the illegal alcohol. The Asheville Citizen-Times reported Thursday that officers seized eight 55 gallon barrels of corn mash used to make the illegal whiskey and 36 gallons of distilled product. Authorities also found 20 marijuana plants and 60 guns. Three men have been charged. Agents from state and federal agencies participated in the operation. Madison County Sheriff John Ledford said the still was located Tuesday about 100 yards up a steep, wooded mountainside and the still's burner was warm when they arrived.

September 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 11, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A man who authorities said stole \$500,000 in weight loss pills and sold them on eBay has turned himself in to police. Jeremy A. Jones was being held at an Aiken County jail after surrendering early Thursday. Authorities said Jones was a temporary worker at GlaxoSmithKline when he took 16 bags filled with capsules. Deputies began their investigation when a customer in Oregon complained to eBay about the pills' packaging. Jones is charged with 16 counts of grand larceny. A woman who answered the phone at a listing for Jones said she had no comment about the arrest. An official at the jail said she wasn't sure if Jones had a lawyer.

September 16, 2008

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

September 16, 2008

5:00a-9:00am

The Morning News

Description: An Upstate teen was carjacked at gunpoint on Monday and worries that the thief may still be on the loose. The victim, who chose to remain anonymous, said she was sitting in her car waiting for a friend to finish her shift at the Wynnsong Cinemas in Spartanburg around 11 p.m. The victim said a man armed with a gun came out of nowhere and demanded cash and the car. "I didn't want to give him my car so I fought with him, but then he pointed [the gun] and that's when I let go," she said. "I'm shaken up. It was the worst thing I have ever imagined. Not an hour after the carjacker took off, officers arrested Josh Lindsey in connection with the carjacking after they spotted the stolen car. Lindsey was charged with failure to stop for a blue light and possession of stolen goods. The victim believes Lindsey was only an accomplice, and said he doesn't look like the man who carjacked her. She said the man who carjacked her was tall and the man arrested was short. If you know more about the carjacking, please call the Spartanburg police

September 17, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 17, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Officers in South Carolina are hoping to solve crimes with the help of inmates and special decks of playing cards. The playing cards would have pictures of victims and case information printed on them. Ralph Blessingame was murdered about nine years ago in the Nickel Town area. Now his face will appear on the two of diamonds. Richard Martin suffered severe head trauma and died at a Greenville Hospital 13 years ago. He will be on the four of hearts. The deck will consist of 52 unsolved homicides and missing people. Officials hope that inmates may come forward with information that could help solve cold cases. At the bottom of each card is a number that inmates can call to leave anonymous tips. Tom Lucas, father of one of the Superbike quadruple murder victims, was instrumental in getting the cards made. "To generate another tool to give them, another way of getting information... As you know, one tip, one comment may turn a case that may be 20 years old into a solved case," said Lucas.

September 24, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 24, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Police said a man who was stealing copper from a vacant home was caught after a neighbor spotted him underneath the house. The theft happened early Tuesday morning at 149 East Columbia Ave. Police said a neighbor noticed a pair of shoes sticking out from the crawl space door of the home. She called police and described "wiggling shoes" and hammering sounds coming from the home, police said. According to Capt. Steve Lamb, with the Spartanburg Public Safety Department, police went to the address and found a man lying under the home trying to steal copper. Jackie Simuel Anderson Sr., 49, was charged with third-degree burglary, injury to real property and possession of burglary tools. Lamb said the arrest was possible because of an observant citizen. He said the department encourages the community to become the "eyes and ears" of law enforcement.

Attachments



Education

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2008**

Problem/Need: **EDUCATION**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
July 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 11, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Insurance agents were on campus at Erskine College on Friday morning to assess the damage left behind from a fire at the school's dining hall. The fire happened around 7 p.m. Thursday. Firefighters from 12 departments along with multiple ambulance crews and the Red Cross responded to the scene. Fire crews said the fire spread quickly through the building and caused heavy damage to the hall's interior. The school's president, Randy Ruble, said he was glad it was only a building that was destroyed. "My reaction is gratitude to God almighty that the damage was limited (to the building)," Ruble said. "No human life was taken. We've lost property but a lot of people have. We're insured and we'll come back." The chief of the Due West Fire Department and another firefighter were taken to the hospital and treated for smoke inhalation and heat exhaustion. About 600 students attend Erskine College. The school is currently in its summer session and final exams for the session were scheduled for Friday. However, Ruble said the college will work with students whose exams need to be rescheduled. Ruble said a temporary dining hall will be set up at the local senior center. The cause of the fire was still under investigation.

July 25, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 25, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Officials at Erskine College said they have made plans for student dining after a fire destroyed their dining hall two weeks ago. Investigators said the fire at Moffatt Dining Hall was started by a dishwasher in the kitchen. Officials said the hall needs to be rebuilt. While construction continues on the new dining hall, students will eat in the Galloway Physical Activities Center on campus. There was no word on how long the construction will take.

July 30, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 30, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The state Education Department said the class of 2008 won a record amount of scholarship money. The department plans to release a tally of the scholarship money won by public school seniors who graduated in the spring on Thursday. Officials said the latest amount pushes the total value of scholarships earned to more than \$3 billion over the past five years. The agency will provide a district-by-district breakdown of scholarships earned in the release.

August 8, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 8, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Greer High School [football](#) players are facing an uncertain season after pictures posted on a newspaper's Web site raised the eyebrows of the South Carolina High School League. The pictures were posted on The Greenville News' Web site and showed players during a Yellow Jackets practice using player-to-player contact, league officials said. The SCHSL saw the photos and said the contact was a violation of the rules. As punishment, the league banned the team from pre- and post-season play. This means the team cannot participate in any scrimmages, jamborees and no matter how well they play this season, they will not be able to play in any championship games. The team may also have to pay a \$500 fine. "We feel like we've done nothing wrong," said Andrew Yarborough, [offensive lineman](#) for the Yellow Jackets. "I mean it comes as a major shock." Coaches, players and parents met on Thursday night to discuss the situation. Coaches told the crowd that the contact was unintentional. "Our coaches would never ever encourage our children to do anything illegal," said Heide Shipman,

Yarborough's mother. "This team is still something to be very proud of." Coaches said they plan to appeal the league's ruling on Monday and also ask officials to reinstate the team.

August 8, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 8, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: North Carolina's four-year [high school](#) graduation rate crept up this year. State data released Thursday showed 69.9 percent of the North Carolina's public [high school students](#) who were freshmen in 2003 graduated by the end of June this year. That was a slight increase from last year's four-year graduation rate of 69.5 percent. State Board of Education Chairman Howard Lee said state officials must learn why roughly 30 percent of students do not graduate within four years. He said some students drop out but others may transfer to different schools or enroll at community colleges. The new figures show that black, Hispanic and Native American students continue to graduate at lower rates than their white and Asian peers.

August 12, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 12, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The Greer [High School football](#) team won its appeal to the South Carolina High School League on Monday. The team had been slapped with stiff penalties after the league said photos of the team's practice showed player-to-player contact, which was not allowed at the time. Coaches called the contact incidental during a meeting with players and parents last week. The league originally punished the Yellow Jackets by banning them from pre- and post-season play, which would make them ineligible for a championship. Greer's coaches traveled to Columbia on Monday to present their case to the league. After an 1 ½ hours of deliberation, the league decided to rescind its punishment and reinstate the team. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the latest on this story.

August 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 15, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The school budget was so tight in Jacksonville, Fla., last year that they held a paper drive -- a toilet paper drive. Hard times and higher fuel prices are following kids back to school again this year. Children will walk farther to the bus stop, pay more in the cafeteria and study from old textbooks. Parents who are feeling the pinch are shopping for bargains on back-to-school clothes, or they're making their kids wear the same clothes as last year. Fifteen districts are going to four-day weeks and dozens of others are considering the idea. In many places, field trips are being cut back or eliminated. Montgomery County, Md., is cutting funds for its award-winning math team. The district will still pay the coach's stipend, but parents will have to help out.

August 22, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 22, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Two schools next door to one another with a combined student body of 3,200 are leading to some significant traffic tie-ups, some parents said. Some parents picking their children up at Bryson Middle School and Hillcrest High School said they have waited in their cars for at least an hour. Police said one of the problems is a new traffic flow around the two schools that started this year. They said a street between the two schools is only open to school buses. They are asking drivers going to Hillcrest to come north up Industrial Drive and make a right turn into the school. Traffic heading to Bryson should to come from the opposite direction so that their paths do not cross. "We're trying to improve the traffic plan and make it more safe," said Lt. Ralph Bobo, with the Simpsonville Police Department. "Safety is the primary goal here." Some parents picking their children up on Thursday afternoon said the new plan is more of a hassle than a help. "Much too long," said one parent. "It's worse this year than ever. My daughter has been here four years and we've never had this much of a problem." Some students said they do not really mind the longer wait. "I get to see friends longer and also get to do homework," said Michael Rich, a student at Hillcrest. Police said they understand the new plan is frustrating parents, but they ask for patience as everyone gets adjusted.

August 22, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 22, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Clemson University was named one of the top 25 best schools in the country on Friday by U.S. News and World Report. According to the publication, Clemson was ranked 22nd out of 164 schools on the list. The rankings are based on several things, such as, SAT scores, graduation rates and academic reputation. James Barker, Clemson's president, said he is proud of what the school has accomplished. "That's up from where we were last year and the year before that," Barker said. "We're making steady progress to our goal to being in the top 20. It's in sight." Clemson was also named as a school to watch by the report. The entire list will be released in Monday's edition of the publication.

August 29, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 29, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The founder and chairman of a computer software company is giving Clemson University \$2.5 million to endow two faculty positions in computer research. C. Tycho Howle is a Clemson graduate and is also chief executive of nuBridges, LLC. It provides software and services to protect sensitive data and allow digital information exchange. The Greenville News reported the gift is designed to continue advances in computer technology to make companies more efficient. The first chair is for the HF Flagship Director of the School of Computing. The second is for the HF Flagship Chair in Human Centered Computing in the department of electrical and computer engineering. Howle is a Lancaster native now living in Atlanta. He earned a bachelor's degree in physics and a master's in systems engineering from Clemson in 1971.

September 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 2, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Coastal Carolina and Charleston Southern are considering moving their home games Saturday because of Tropical Storm Hanna. Officials at both schools said decisions must be made by Wednesday to give opponents enough time to adjust. The Chanticleers are scheduled to host Colgate at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Coastal Carolina coach David Bennett said officials are considering moving the game to Thursday or Sunday. The Buccaneers host Wofford at 1:30 p.m. Charleston Southern coach Jay Mills said his bosses hope to make a decision before Wednesday afternoon. There is still much uncertainty about Hanna's track, but forecasters expect it to strike somewhere in the Southeast by the end of the week.

September 8, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 8, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: An armed robbery near Seneca High School prompted a lockdown on Monday afternoon, Kay Powell, spokesperson for Oconee County Schools said. Powell said the robbery happened at a shopping center near the school. The school issued a "code yellow alert" while deputies searched the area for the bandit, Powell said. Powell said that type of alert means that no students are allowed outside the building and gates allowing access to school property are locked. text message was sent around 2 p.m. and said the school was dismissed on time and that staff were on hand to make sure students departed the school safely.

September 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 11, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A 10-year-old South Carolina student was suspended from school after his pencil sharpener broke and he did not immediately get rid of the blade inside. Authorities told The Island Packet of Hilton Head that a teacher at Hilton Head Island International Baccalaureate Elementary School found a small razor blade on the boy in class Tuesday. A police report said it was obvious the blade came from a pencil sharpener. The report said the boy is a well-behaved, good student and cried when he was suspended for at least two days. He could face further punishment. School district spokesman Randy Wall said the district has a zero-tolerance policy on weapons, but wanted to be reasonable. He said they needed to make sure the student understood the seriousness of having the blade.

September 12, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 12, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Police have arrested a 15-year-old student and accused him of taking a loaded .22-caliber handgun to a Columbia high school. Police spokesman Brick Lewis told The State newspaper Thursday the ninth-grader at C.A. Johnson High School is charged with illegal possession of a weapon, disturbing school and resisting arrest. No shots were fired in Monday's incident. The student's name was not released because he is a minor. Richland District 1 school spokeswoman Karen York said the student faces expulsion. York said another student tipped an assistant principal about rumors the teen was armed. Lewis said the student tussled with the officer while being frisked. York said the student had argued earlier with another student off school grounds.

September 18, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 18, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Officials with Greenville County Schools said a suspicious truck prompted one school to go into lockdown on Thursday morning. Oby Lyles, spokesman for Greenville County Schools, said the truck parked in the lower parking lot at Blue Ridge Middle School. He said two people got out of the truck and walked into some nearby woods. Lyles said deputies were called in to investigate the incident. Lyles said the truck was towed away from the school by law enforcement. Parents were notified of the lockdown, Lyles said. No one was injured in the incident.

September 23, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 23, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Two schools in Greenville County were locked down Monday afternoon because of a burglary at a nearby home. Sirens blared as deputies raced to the scene of the robbery at 461 Duncan Road around 1:30 p.m. "I came out and I saw that police car there," said Roy Edwards, who lives across the street. "I've been living here 16 years and I have never known nothing like that to happen." Deputies said the homeowner was arriving at the house when she saw a man jump into a gray car and drive away. The Kia-style sedan with Michigan plates was found abandoned by deputies not far from the home. Deputies said investigators set up a perimeter along Duncan Road, Partridge Road and Buncombe Road while they searched for the man. Deputies also sent a K9 unite into a wooded area off Berea Middle School Road. Oby Lyles, spokesman for Greenville County Schools, said both Berea Middle School and Enoree Career Center were locked down as a precaution. Allyson Collins' son is a student at Berea Middle School.

September 24, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 24, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A former teacher was suspended after she was accused of sexual misconduct with a student. Former Liberty High School cheerleading coach Kristie Brooks resigned from her position with the school last month, citing personal reasons. The South Carolina Board of Education's Web site said Tuesday that it has suspended Brooks and are considering revoking her teaching certificate. The ruling came down on Sept. 10, the Web site said. The Web site said the board found that Brooks "may pose a threat to the safety and welfare of students." Brooks has a hearing scheduled with the board to see if she can regain her status. No criminal charges have been filed against Brooks in Pickens County.

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**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
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July 1, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 1, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Much like the water at Lake Hartwell, most business along the lake has dried up too. However, one boat repairman said he has seen a dramatic increase in his business because of the drought. "I work six of seven days a week most of the time and I've got as much as I can handle even with the help I've got," said Byron Morris, who runs a boat repair shop. Morris said his shop is full of boats with damaged propellers and some that have been underwater. He said it's all because of low water levels. "If you don't keep your boat serviced and you get down there and start churning up mud and water and sucking it up into the motor, it's going to tear them up," Morris said. Officials said Lake Hartwell is down 10 feet and with levels that low, there are several dangers sitting just below the surface. Tree stumps and sand banks are two of the biggest things to look out for, they said. "Slow is better," Morris said. "If you hit something slow, you're alright. If you get in a channel, you've got 100 feet of water, you won't have any problems." Morris said boaters should pay close attention to where they are and stay in deep water to avoid any dangers.

July 1, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 1, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Forestry officials said a wildfire continued to burn on Beasley Mountain on Tuesday morning. The South Carolina Forestry Commission said the fire has grown to about five acres, but said it has the potential to encompass 400 acres if it is not extinguished. Officials said about 14 firefighters hiked up the mountain on Tuesday morning to help fight the fire. They were also receiving help from Greenville County via a water-dumping helicopter. Forestry officials said the terrain is too rough to get a bulldozer to the fire, so firefighters are using hand tools to dig fire breaks.

July 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 10, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Recent rains have only slightly eased drought conditions covering the Carolinas and Georgia, experts said. A U.S. Drought Monitor report released Thursday found there are still exceptional drought conditions -- the most severe category -- centered near Greenville. The report showed severe drought conditions eased slightly, scaling back in the eastern half of North Carolina. Otherwise, conditions were largely unchanged from a June 1 report, and a drought still covers most of the three states. An early season heat wave and a lack of rain in June had worsened conditions that have gripped the Southeast for much of the last year. The Drought Monitor report assesses conditions up through Tuesday morning and does not include additional rain that has fallen in the past few days.

July 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 10, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Police said a portion of Pleasantburg Drive was shut down on Thursday morning because of a chemical spill. Police said around 7:30 a.m. a Greenville Parks and Recreation Department truck that was carrying lawn chemicals was hit by a car while pulling out of a gas station on Pleasantburg. Police said the chemicals in the truck were knocked onto the road and the containers broke open, spilling the chemicals all over the road. Officials from the Department of Health and Environmental Control said there were three substances that were spilled onto the road -- MSMA, chelated iron and a tracker dye. DHEC said that five 2 ½ gallon containers of MSMA, a herbicide, were spilled onto the road. They said two 2 ½ gallon containers of chelated iron were also spilled. There was an unknown amount of the tracker dye spilled, as well. DHEC said the chemicals could cause some skin and eye irritation if someone comes in contact with them. Cleanup crews were using water to dilute the substances and then vacuuming up that water. Police said a portion of northbound Pleasantburg Drive from near the Carolina First Center entrance to Lowndes Hill Road could remain closed for up to four hours. One southbound lane was moving, but

slowly. Drivers were asked to avoid the area until the cleanup process is complete. The driver of the car that hit the truck was charged with failure to yield the right of way. No one was injured in the crash.

July 16, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 16, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The Department of Natural Resources said it is considering mandatory water restrictions for parts of South Carolina. DNR board Chairman Michael McShane said Tuesday a special drought committee will meet in a few weeks to see if any restrictions are needed, then bring those recommendations to Gov. Mark Sanford. McShane said the state is in the midst of a 10-year dry spell. He said the Edisto River has had above-average water flow for just one year in the past decade and reservoirs and groundwater levels are lower than they were this time last year. The state Drought Response Committee last month placed Cherokee, Greenville, Pickens, Oconee and Spartanburg counties under an extreme drought, the most serious classification on the state's scale. On the federal level, the U.S. Drought Monitor placed much of the upstate in an exceptional drought status, which is also the driest level possible on the federal scale. The National Weather Service said the Greenville area has received 18.80 inches of rain since Jan. 1. That is 9.43 inches below the average rainfall. Asheville is fairing a bit better than Greenville. Meteorologists said the Asheville area has seen 19.24 inches of rain since Jan. 1. That is 7.43 inches below the average rainfall.

July 17, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 17, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: City leaders in Greer are asking their residents to help conserve water through voluntary water restrictions put in place on Wednesday. Lake levels in some of the upstate's reservoirs are dangerously low and experts said it is because of a 10-year drought in South Carolina. Experts said for the past decade they have noticed a slow decrease in the amount of rain that replenishes many lakes and rivers that serve as a water supply for many towns in the upstate. With that in mind, Greer city leaders are hoping their residents will cut back on their water usage and help ease the demands on the water supply. You have to have water and when you're not getting rain it has to be limited somehow," said Greer resident Matthew Ellis. City administrators said residents can help control their water usage by following a few simple guidelines. Residents with a home address that ends in an even number should water their lawns on Thursdays and Sundays. Residents with a home address that ends in an odd number should water their lawns on Wednesdays and Saturdays. City leaders said the water restrictions could become mandatory if the drought does not improve in the near future. That could mean residents would not be able to wash their cars as often or water their lawns. Another Greer resident, Jody Saunders, said she takes great pride in her lawn, but understands she has to do her part. "A lot of them are perennials and things that come back so they don't necessarily need that much water," Saunders said as she pointed to her flowers. "I wish people would take it a bit more seriously." The Greer Commission of Public Works said it provides water service to both Greenville and Spartanburg counties. They said by issuing the voluntary water restrictions, they hope residents will cut their water usage by 15 percent.

July 20, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 21, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: A hurricane warning has been issued for parts of the Texas and Mexico coasts as Tropical Storm Dolly churns through the Gulf of Mexico. Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami said that the warning in Texas extends from Brownsville to Port O'Connor. The government of Mexico also issued a hurricane warning from Rio San Fernando northward to the U.S. border. Forecasters said it's likely Dolly will become a hurricane winds and rain will reach the warning area within 24 hours, but they don't expect it to become a major storm. They said the storm would turn northward and slow down as time progressed. At 11 p.m. Eastern, Dolly was located about 435 miles southeast of Corpus Christi, Texas. It was moving at about 17 mph and had maximum sustained winds near 50 with higher gusts. Residents along the Texas-Mexico border kept a watchful eye on Tropical Storm Dolly on Monday, stocking up on plywood, generators and flashlights as forecasters predicted the storm would strengthen into a hurricane later this week and make landfall. The storm was expected to bring high winds and dump 10 to 20 inches of rain in coastal areas near the U.S.-Mexican border. Emergency officials feared major flooding problems and urged coastal residents to prepare. Shell Oil said it was evacuating workers from oil rigs in the western Gulf Of Mexico, and the federal government was trying to decide whether they could begin construction on a new border fence, which was to be combined with levee improvements along the Rio Grande in Hidalgo County. Dolly was

expected to make landfall Wednesday as a Category 1 storm with sustained winds of 74 mph to 95 mph. A tropical storm warning was also issued north of Port O'Connor to San Luis Pass. **Cristobal Moves Offshore:** Meanwhile, Tropical Storm Cristobal is headed for the open Atlantic as forecasters discontinued tropical storm warnings along the Carolinas. Cristobal, which is still packing winds of 65 mph with higher gusts, brought heavy rain and rough surf to the coast of drought-stricken North Carolina. The storm's heaviest winds and rains, though still offshore, have led to strong rip currents along the beaches. At 5 a.m. EDT, the center of Tropical Storm Cristobal was located about 265 miles east-northeast of Cape Hatteras, N.C., and about 660 miles southwest of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The storm is forecast to start losing its tropical characteristics late Tuesday. **Hurricane Fausto Weakens:** In the Pacific, Hurricane Fausto increased to a category 2 storm, but it is now weakening over the open northeast Pacific Ocean. As of 8 a.m. EDT, the center of Fausto was located about 475 miles west-southwest of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Its maximum sustained winds are at about 80 mph, and continued weakening is predicted during the next two days.

July 22, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 22, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Forecasters said the western Carolinas have more chances for severe weather and plenty of heat on Tuesday afternoon. Strong storms roared through the upstate on Monday afternoon and dumped heavy rain and packed winds over 50 miles an hour. The heavy rain caused minor flash flooding in some low-lying areas making driving difficult for some. The strong winds knocked over trees and downed power lines, leaving more than 1,000 people in Greenville County without power. As of Tuesday morning, Duke [Energy](#) reported nearly 2,000 people without power in Greenville County and about 1,700 in the dark in Spartanburg County. Officials at North Greenville University said two buildings on their campus were damaged by storms on Monday night. School officials said the Donna Administration Building's roof was severely damaged. Pieces of the roof could be seen dangling from the top of the building. They said the Neves building, which houses offices and classrooms, was left with a gaping hole in the roof. Officials said they decided to hold students who were headed to the Neves building in their worship center until the storm passed. They said they were lucky no one was in the building when the storms rolled through. The school's president said he estimates the damage between \$500,000 and \$1 million. He said they hope to have the building repaired by the time school starts on Aug. 15. FOX Carolina Meteorologist Melissa Jones said more storms are in the forecast for Tuesday afternoon. She said some storms could produce gusty winds over 60 miles an hour, frequent lightning, heavy rain and small hail. **Dangerous Heat Expected Tuesday:** Forecasters urged people to drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks, as more hot weather was expected for Tuesday. The National Weather Service issued a heat advisory for the upstate and northeast Georgia from noon until 6 p.m. on Tuesday. They said heat index readings could get as high as 105 degrees, with actual temperatures around 100 degrees. Temperatures on Monday reached 100 degrees in downtown Greenville and 102 degrees at the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport. Experts recommend anyone who works or plays outside on Tuesday should stay hydrated with non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages. They also suggest people wear light-weight, light-colored clothing to minimize the amount of heat their body traps.

July 22, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 22, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Several families in the mountainous area of Polk County were preparing to leave their homes on Tuesday afternoon because of a wildfire. Firefighters were battling a blaze on White Oak Mountain. The chief of the Columbus Fire Department said so far about 30 acres have been charred. Crews were using helicopters to dump water on the fire because the terrain is too rugged to drive equipment to the scene. Crews have asked at least 12 families near the fire to prepare to evacuate their homes but have not issued a mandatory evacuation order yet. Firefighters said about half of those families have left their homes as a precaution. The cause of the fire was still under investigation.

July 24, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 24, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Gov. Mark Sanford is encouraging South Carolina residents to voluntarily conserve water so he does not have to make water restrictions mandatory. Officials said a drought gripping the state continues to worsen. The Department of Natural Resources said the worst conditions are in the upstate, where some wells have gone dry and Lakes Hartwell and Thurmond along the Georgia state line are already 10 feet below where they should be. A special drought committee will meet next month and could suggest mandatory water restrictions for nonessential activities like washing cars, watering lawns and filling

swimming pools. The committee said five northwestern counties are in an extreme drought, which is the worst category on the state's scale.

August 5, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 5, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Forecasters are calling for highs near 100 degrees Tuesday across the upstate. No matter which thermometer one looked at on Monday, it was hot. Some read temperatures at 104 degrees. Others showed the mercury at 96 degrees. "We bring our water with us and we don't like for the equipment to be very hot," said Bill Therrell as he pushed his children on a swing at Cleveland Park. "They get burned that way." Some people are blaming the heat for computer software glitches. "It says acquiring satellite," said William Jannelli, as he pointed to his car's GPS system. "Well, it will not acquire the satellite for 15 to 20 minutes. It's basically nonfunctional until its cooled down." Computer Direct Outlet manager Thalen Dodds said it is not a good idea to leave cell phones or laptops sitting in extreme heat. "When it's really hot, some of the plastics can expand and separate some of the connections," Dodds said. Doctors also said they are seeing an increase in heat-related illness. They said one way to protect yourself is to drink a lot of water. They also said parents should make sure to hydrate their children before they go outside to play. Meteorologist Melissa Jones said slightly cooler weather should move in by Thursday, as well as a small chance for rain. Jones said temperatures are forecasted in the upper 80s by the weekend.

August 5, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 5, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Extreme drought conditions now cover about one-fourth of South Carolina. The state Drought Response Committee on Tuesday added Anderson, Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, Union, Newberry, Saluda, Edgefield and McCormick counties to the list in the extreme designation. Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg had been designated in extreme drought in June. That is the worst level of drought on the state scale. The same area was placed in an exceptional drought by the U.S. Drought Monitor. That category is the worst level of drought on the federal scale. The committee recommended that water systems in those counties tell their customers to voluntarily and aggressively cut water consumption. The panel made no recommendation for Gov. Mark Sanford to get involved in restrictions. Despite the committee's decision, several water districts in the Upstate have issued water restrictions. Mandatory restrictions were issued for most of western Spartanburg County last week. Mandatory restrictions prohibit using water to run lawn sprinklers, fill swimming pools and wash vehicles. The news was not all bad. Charleston and Georgetown counties were removed from drought status after getting enough rainfall. According to the National Weather Service, precipitation levels are nearly 10 inches below normal for the year for the Greenville area.

August 12, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 12, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers said the state might get a federal disaster declaration because of the drought. The Greenville News reported Weathers and Gov. Mark Sanford are to be in Pickens on Wednesday to examine conditions. Gubernatorial spokesman Joel Sawyer said Sanford will talk about the importance of voluntary conservation. Weathers said the cumulative effect of two years of drought has forced some cattle producers and horse owners to sell off part of their herds because of problems getting hay. Weathers said his office will start a public-private partnership this month to help livestock owners get hay for their animals. Fourteen counties in the Upstate and western part of the state have been declared in extreme drought.

August 13, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 13, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Meteorologists said the rains that moved in on Tuesday night will move out Wednesday afternoon, offering little relief to the drought-stricken western Carolinas. Forecasters said most locations will see the rains slowly move to their east by Wednesday afternoon and a return to sunshine on Thursday. According to Doppler radar estimates, most locations received less than an inch of rain. A few exceptions were in northern Spartanburg County, southern Rutherford County and southern Greenwood County where radar estimates show amounts well over an inch. The National Weather Service said rainfall at the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport has totaled 21.33 inches since Jan. 1. That was nearly 11 inches below normal. The U.S. Drought Monitor has placed much of upstate in an exceptional drought which is the worst level on its scale. State officials follow suit by place much of the upstate under an extreme drought which is the worst level on their scale. Gov. Mark Sanford and South Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers were set to tour the Pickens County area on Wednesday morning to observe the affects of the drought. Joel Sawyer, spokesman for the governor, said Sanford will talk about the importance of voluntary water conservation. Weathers said the cumulative effect of two years of drought has forced some cattle producers and horse owners to sell off part of their herds because of problems getting hay.

August 22, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Some western North Carolina apple growers said they are concerned that the drought will result in smaller fruit this year. The lack of rain has resulted in smaller apple sizes in the more than 6,000 acres of orchards in Henderson County, a primary apple producing area. The Asheville Citizen-Times reported Friday that processors and growers want fruit that are at least 2 1/2 inches in diameter. Grower Adam Pryor said only 70 to 80 percent of this year's crop will hit the ideal size. Pryor said if the crop gets rain in the next week or so it will produce larger apples. Henderson County's apple growers were hit with a spring freeze in 2007 that cut production nearly in half.

August 26, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 26, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Parts of the upstate and mountains saw dangerous thunderstorms moving through producing possible tornadoes and heavy rain on Tuesday. One person near Clemson told FOX Carolina that they saw a tornado near Perimeter Road as he was picking up his children from school. He said trees were knocked down and lying across parts of the road. Clemson police said power had been knocked out at their station around 3 p.m. FOX Carolina's Cody Alcorn reported that Hart County, Ga. saw at least one tornado move through the area that uprooted trees and damage buildings. Alcorn said that trees had fallen on a barn at a petting zoo in the town and residents were busying trying to clean up the damage. FOX Carolina's Jade Hindmon reported a storm damaged trees and buildings in southern Greenville County. Hindmon said trees have been knocked down and Duke Energy crews were on scene trying to repair power lines. Hindmon said residents in the area were not sure if a tornado caused the damage. Heavy rain also produced a mudslide near Lake Lure in North Carolina and damaged a restaurant.

August 27, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 27, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Storms swept across parts of northeast Georgia and the upstate on Tuesday, leaving behind building damage and felled trees. One of the first places to be affected by the storms was Hart County, Ga., where witnesses said a tornado touched down around 2 p.m. The storm knocked over trees and twisted some of them off, leaving only a stump behind. Several homes have roof damage from the high winds. Hart County Sheriff Mike Cleveland said he saw the tornado. "It was magnificent," Cleveland said. The storm also damaged Sam's Path Petting Zoo. The owner said once the storm passed, his animals were scattered everywhere. A large tree fell into a pasture where a zebra lives, barely missing the striped animal. The owners said after six years of planning they were hoping to open in September, but that opening will be delayed while they clean up the damage. Witnesses said a tornado swept through parts of Clemson on Tuesday afternoon, as well. The storm prompted the campus of Clemson University to activate their tornado sirens. Students said they rushed to the first floor of their buildings. Several trees were damaged along Clemson Avenue, leaving limbs scattered up and down the road. "We normally can't see the stadium from the porch, but by the time it was all done, you could see the stadium pretty clearly," said Nick Messer, a Clemson student. Storms left behind damage near Pelzer in southern Greenville County, as well. One of the hardest hit areas was off Richey Road, where winds blew through snapping tree branches and peeling siding off some homes. Some roofs were also

damaged. Neighbors said the rain was coming down so hard that their yards were flooded for a while. One person said the water even made it into their home. "The rain came down really hard and the house started shaking," said Ken Feltman, one resident. Rains Make Dent In Drought: The rains from Fay's leftovers did help to make a dent in the exceptional drought the upstate and mountains have been in for the past few months. Deficits before the storm moved in were near a foot for both Greenville and Asheville. After a bulk of the rain moved out of the area on Tuesday night, the National Weather Service said the rainfall deficit for the year is down to a little more than 9 inches for Greenville. For Asheville, the deficit now stands at just below 7 inches.

August 28, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 28, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The National Weather Service confirmed on Wednesday that two tornadoes swept through Clemson and Townville on Tuesday afternoon. Meteorologists said the first tornado touched down in Hart County, Ga., near the Reed Creek area around 2 p.m. Tuesday. There it uprooted trees and damaged buildings, including a petting zoo that was set to open in September. Forecasters said the funnel then traveled northeast across the state line and into Clemson, where it knocked down trees and power lines. Meteorologists said this tornado was rated an EF-1 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, with winds between 86 and 109 mph. The second tornado developed just east on Townville in Anderson County around 3 p.m. Tuesday. There it destroyed a garage and twisted trees, meteorologists said. The weather service said the twister then moved from Anderson County into Pickens County and dissipated just south of Clemson. Meteorologists said this tornado was rated an EF-2 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, with winds between 110 and 137 mph.

September 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 2, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Checkpoints popped up around New Orleans on Tuesday to keep the city empty of residents so work could get under way to restore power and other critical services knocked out by Hurricane Gustav. National Guardsmen and state police promised to stop people not authorized to return. The city didn't expect to be safe enough to reopen until Thursday at the earliest. "I can't get upset, because this is an emergency, you know," said 88-year-old Malvin A. Cavalier Sr., who was turned away as he tried to return to his home in the city's Desire neighborhood. "I just have to be calm and try to do the best I can. If I have to sleep in my car again tonight, I have to do it." A day after the city's improved levee system kept the streets dry as a disorganized and weakened Gustav passed overhead, there was quiet pride in a historic evacuation of nearly 2 million people. Only eight deaths were attributed to the storm in the U.S. The toll from Katrina three years ago exceeded 1,600. "The reasons you're not seeing dramatic stories of rescue is because we had a successful evacuation," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "The only reason we don't have more tales of people in grave danger is because everyone heeded ... the instructions to get out of town." The focus turned to getting those 2 million people back home. Jindal said officials are focused on taking care of the roughly 1,000 critical needs medical patients evacuated from hospitals and nursing homes, while also working with utilities to restore the more than 1.4 million power outages the storm left behind. Gustav spared the New Orleans, but other parts of Cajun country have been devastated. In the low-lying parishes across Louisiana's southeastern and central coast, homes have been destroyed and areas flooded. Jindal said he has received reports of widespread damage across three parishes (Terrebonne, Lafourche and St. Mary) near where the eye of the storm hit. Helicopter crews were expected to search the area for anyone injured or killed. The area is home to the state's oil and natural gas industries, and rig owners are heading out to inspect their installations for damage. There are also worries about the fishing industry. One Louisiana fisherman watching television reports in an Alabama hotel lobby said he's afraid salt water from the Gulf could wipe out the delicate oyster beds he's counting on for a livelihood this fall. He spent \$100,000 rebuilding his 47-foot fishing boat after Katrina, and said it'll be "a week or two" before he'll be able to tell. New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, who said his city "dodged a big bullet" Monday, told NBC's "Today" show that the city will spend Tuesday repairing and assessing damage. An evacuation order he issued remains in place as what had been Hurricane Gustav moves farther inland as a tropical depression. The city's levees have held and Nagin said they've passed a good post-Katrina test. But he noted that levee repairs still aren't completed. The city's sewer system was damaged, and hospitals were working with skeleton crews on backup power. But drinking water is still flowing. And pumps that keep the city dry are working. He has also praised what he called a "near flawless" evacuation. Nagin said it's too early for residents to return, but added that homecomings are "only days away, not weeks." Until then, however, he

and other city officials warned residents to stay away. "Do not return home, you will not be allowed in," Orleans City Council President Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson said. "Be patient. Everybody's on top of it 24/7." Eight die in US: Eight deaths are being blamed on former Hurricane Gustav in the U.S., but as the Gulf Coast begins to clean up, there is a sense of relief. Authorities said three people were killed in Louisiana by falling trees, and four people died in Georgia when their car struck a tree as they fled the storm. Gustav's total death toll since it roared through the Caribbean now tops 100. New Orleans avoided a direct hit, and its improved levee system has held. Nagin said rather than the "mother of all storms," it was more like "the mother-in-law or the ugly sister." Early Tuesday, the National Hurricane Center said Gustav crept over the state at about 10 mph and was located about 135 miles northwest of Lafayette, La. Experts said heavy rains continued to fall, but winds slowed to about 35 mph. More storms follow Gustav: Meanwhile, [Tropical Storm Hanna](#) is looming and could threaten the southeast coast later this week, anywhere from Florida to the Carolinas. Two more storms are brewing far out at sea. Tropical Storm Ike is still about 1,400 miles out in the Atlantic, and newly formed Tropical Storm Josephine is south-southeast of the southernmost Cape Verde Islands off the coast of Africa.

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Description: South Carolina's Emergency Management Division is going on 24-hour operations as officials closely watch the progress of Tropical Storm Hanna. Division spokesman Derrec Becker said Tuesday officials are in close contact with the National Hurricane Center and Gov. Mark Sanford about the storm. Becker said Sanford, who is attending the Republican National Convention this week, has the final say on whether evacuations will be needed. He said there has been discussion, but no final decision, on reversing lanes on highways leading to the coast. The National Hurricane Center said the storm could make landfall later this week anywhere from Florida to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. However, the latest projected path brings the storm in near Charleston on Friday afternoon as a Category 2 hurricane. Charleston County Increases Alert Status: Emergency officials in Charleston County have moved to a higher state of alert as they watch Hanna near the Bahamas. County officials said they are monitoring the storm and have notified county workers they should be alert and may be called into the county emergency operations center later this week. Even Upstate Prepping For Hanna: Volunteers in the upstate are already preparing for Hanna to hit the Carolina coast. The Upstate Red Cross Chapter has volunteers spread out across the South helping victims of Hurricane Gustav, but now the threat of Hurricane Hanna is forcing them to shift their focus to the Carolinas and Georgia. "We're holding off sending anymore people out of our community because of Hurricane Hanna," said Mary Thomas, with the Upstate South Carolina Red Cross Chapter. Thomas said they have four volunteers and an emergency relief vehicle in Monroe, La., but said their second response vehicle is on standby for Hurricane Hanna. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the latest on Hanna.

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September 16, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: With the South Carolina Upstate suffering through a prolonged drought, the state's Drought Review Committee meets this week to again assess the situation. The panel of the Department of Natural Resources meets in Greenville on Tuesday to consider the status of the drought statewide. During its meeting last month, the committee added nine more Upstate counties to the extreme drought category. That makes 14 South Carolina counties now in that category.

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Description: It's clam and oyster season in South Carolina. Oyster and clam harvesting opened a half-hour before sunrise Tuesday and continues through mid-May. Gathering in public grounds requires a saltwater recreational fishing license. South Carolina residents can buy an annual license for \$10. According to the state Department of Natural Resources, roughly 80,000 residents buy a license yearly. Twenty of the state's 59 shellfish grounds for clam and oyster harvesting are limited to recreational gathering. The agency has set a recreational limit of two bushels of oysters and one-half bushel of clams per day, for a maximum of two days per week. For more information on oyster and clam harvesting regulations, visit [the DNR Web site](#).

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September 30, 2008

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The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

Description: The city of Anderson has imposed new water conservation measures, saying the area is in a severe drought. Water officials said Lake Hartwell, the city's only source of water, is down nearly 15 feet. This forces Anderson to work with just 49 percent of its water capacity. City officials said this is the worst drought they have seen in 27 years. The new restrictions put into effect Monday prohibit washing vehicles. The ordinance also prohibits restaurants from serving water without a customer request. Some restaurant owners said they are happy to do their part to help conserve water for the city. Others said it will affect their revenue. "Making my customers happy is something I have to do to stay in business," said Keith Claramunt, owner of the Townhouse Restaurant in downtown Anderson. "If I don't do that my customers are going to go somewhere else." The restrictions would also have Electric City Utilities drop water service to customers who fail to repair leaks after they are given a 10-day notice. The conservation measure also prohibits washing sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts and other hard-surfaced areas. The new requirements also limit lawn watering to three days a week, and only between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. City utilities director Jeff Caldwell said that will stop residents from watering during the hottest time of day.

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Government

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2008**

Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Sundays	10:00 am	FOX NEWS SUNDAY

DESCRIPTION:

Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00)

July 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 2, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford will sign into law a measure that sets aside money to keep the state's school buses fueled. Sanford spokesman Joel Sawyer said the governor will sign the bill Wednesday. The bill sets aside \$19 million for school bus fuel and \$3 million for running the state's elections in November. When the state budget was being approved, Sanford had complained legislators left the Education Department with an unconstitutional budget deficit. The legislation for the bus fuel money passed last week during a one-day Statehouse wrap-up session.

July 9, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 9, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Gov. Mark Sanford gave a public green light to a bill that allows motorcyclists and bikers to run red lights after they stop at intersections. Sanford officially signed the bill in May, but he'll hold a ceremonial signing at stops around the state Wednesday with bikers at his side. The legislation requires motorcyclists, moped and bicycle riders to stop for two minutes before entering an intersection if a traffic signal has not turned green. Motorcyclists pushed the legislation because they said automatic signal controls using sensors embedded in roads do not always detect their bikes. The American Motorcyclist Association said Arkansas, Idaho, Minnesota, North Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin have similar laws.

July 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 10, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Mauldin city leaders are considering whether to allow alcohol sales on Sunday and they are asking for the public's feedback. City leaders are asking anyone interested in the topic to attend a meeting at City Hall at 6 p.m. Thursday. During the meeting, leaders will hear opinions on putting the referendum on the November ballot. The City Council unanimously passed the first reading of the initiative earlier this year and has scheduled the final reading for July 21. Mayor Don Godbey said Sunday alcohol sales would bring economic development to there. "People come in on Sunday afternoon for dinner and would like to have a glass of wine with their dinner and because they can't, they drive two miles down the road and they're in Greenville, where they can," Godbey said. The meeting on Thursday night is just to get feedback, Godbey said. He said no decisions will be made at the meeting. Both Columbia and Anderson passed a similar ordinance earlier this year to allow alcohol sales on Sunday.

July 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 11, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The Treasury Department said the [federal](#) deficit swelled to \$268.7 billion in the first nine months of this budget year as record spending during the period outpaced revenues. The department's fresh look at the [government's](#) balance sheets, released Friday, shows that the deficit for the budget year that began Oct. 1 was up sharply from the red ink of nearly \$121 billion for the corresponding nine-month period last year. The new year-to-date deficit of \$268.7 billion was the third-highest on record. Spending totaled \$2.2 trillion, while revenues came to \$1.93 trillion.

July 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 11, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: President Bush prodded Congress on Friday to allow oil drilling in offshore waters and in the Alaskan wildlife refuge, citing "tough economic times" for the American people. Bush met with his senior economic advisers at the Energy Department to discuss soaring prices for gasoline and crude oil. Bush said one answer is to increase supply in this country by tapping "the vast potential" of crude oil reserves on offshore lands and in Alaska as well as in oil shale in the western part of the United States. With gasoline prices above \$4 a gallon, Bush and his Republican allies think American's reluctance to drill in pristine waters and lands is diminishing and that there is an opportunity for oil companies to move into areas that have been off limits. "And yet the Democratic leaders of Congress have consistently blocked opening up these lands for exploration," the president said. He said that technology has changed dramatically and that oil can be recovered in a way that protects the environment. "The members of Congress, particularly the Democratic leadership, must address this issue before they go home" in August, Bush said. "They have a responsibility to explain to their constituents why we should not be drilling for more oil here in America to take the pressure off of gasoline prices." "Crude oil prices are up and one reason crude oil prices are up is because demand is outstripping supply," the president said. "And therefore what can we do about it? That ought to be the question the United States Congress asks."

July 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 15, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Just how bad the state's budget situation is should be a bit clearer later this week. The state Board of Economic Advisers meets Thursday to review [tax](#) collections and other revenue. With sales tax collections falling behind expectations, the board has repeatedly reduced its estimates and prompted budget writers to cut spending. Gov. Mark Sanford said last week he expects the shortfall at the end of the year to wipe out one of the state's rainy day reserve accounts. He said he will not be surprised if the state's remaining reserve account takes a hit.

July 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 15, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Hanging out in downtown Greenville may mean a walk through Falls Park, shopping at boutiques or eating at restaurants, and city leaders said they only want to improve on that night out. Members of city council and a planning commission recently reviewed what they call a downtown master plan. "It will be a mix of residential types on these surface parking lots," said one commission member as she pointed to a map of Greenville. According to the group, Greenville could use more green space. One example is the area near the Heritage Green District. Planners said that would mean extending downtown near Academy and college streets. The group said research also shows the city would benefit and attract newcomers with more affordable housing like townhouses or apartments. Results from a recent survey showed that there is more room for growth in the hotel industry and public transportation. "We can make some of the roads more pedestrian friendly," another commission member said. City leaders said they hope to have their master plan implemented within 20 years. The group will meet again in August to decide if the plan will be approved.

July 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 15, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: In his first full-blown meeting with reporters at the White House since April 29, President George W. Bush asserted that the U.S. [banking](#) system is basically sound, with deposits insured up to \$100,000. "I think the system basically is sound, I truly do," Bush said. "I understand there's a lot of nervousness. The economy is growing. Productivity is high. Trade's up. People are working -- it's not as good as we'd like. And to the extent that we'll find weakness, we'll move." Addressing turmoil in the financial markets where the government has been forced to throw a lifeline to mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Bush called on Congress to move quickly to put into force legislation designed to help prop up Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Bush said the two troubled mortgage companies play a central role in the nation's housing-finance system and that government action to help them was not a bailout, since the two would remain shareholder-owned companies. "I don't think the government ought to be involved in bailing out companies," Bush said. The plan would temporarily increase a long-standing Treasury line of [credit](#) that could be provided to either company. Treasury also said it would, if necessary, buy stock in the companies to make sure they have enough money to operate. Turning his attention to soaring gas and energy prices, Bush also urged the Democratic-run Congress to quickly lift a ban on offshore drilling, following his action a day earlier to end a presidential ban on such drilling, he said. "I readily concede it won't produce a barrel of oil tomorrow, but it will reverse the psychology," Bush said. He also expressed confidence that Americans would find ways to conserve energy without the help of a White House campaign to urge them to do so. At the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, Ben S. Bernanke, chairman of the Federal Reserve, offered a gloomy assessment of the economy to the Senate Banking Committee. He avoided the word "recession" but said the economy continues to grow at a sluggish pace and the housing market continues to weaken. And in California, police have been called in to tame an angry throng of IndyMac Bank customers trying to pull money out of the Encino branch on day 2 of a federal bank takeover. At least three police squad cars showed up early Tuesday as tensions got heated outside the San Fernando Valley branch of Pasadena-based IndyMac. Federal regulators seized Pasadena-based IndyMac on Friday and they opened Monday under the control of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Deposits to \$100,000 are fully insured by the FDIC.

July 16, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 16, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Gov. Mark Sanford ceremoniously signed two bills on Tuesday sought by American Indians, calling the legislation a celebration of the original Americans. About 50 American Indians from several tribes, many in traditional dress, joined Sanford at a ceremony to highlight two bills he signed in June. One of the bills allows American Indian chiefs and spiritual leaders to perform marriage ceremonies and sign marriage documents. The other bill removes restrictions on the types of feathers that can be used in traditional clothing and crafts. Pete Parr, with the Pee Dee Indian Tribe, said the bills recognize South Carolina's tribes and their culture, and preserve American Indian heritage. A bill to prevent American Indian groups from calling themselves tribes without state recognition died in the General Assembly, but the State Office of Minority Affairs expects approval next session.

July 22, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 22, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Union City Council said it is changing the way the city approves payments for contractors after the mayor and zoning administrator were charged in a public corruption scheme. Interim Mayor Harold Thompson told the Herald-Journal of Spartanburg the city will allow an additional elected officeholder and appointed official to approve checks if they wish to provide more accountability. Thompson also said city elections are too close to put anyone on the ballot for mayor, so the new leader will be decided with write-in votes. Prosecutors said former Mayor Bruce Morgan and Building and Zoning Director Jeff Lawson accepted kickbacks in return for doling out government contracts. Morgan resigned and Lawson is on administrative leave without pay.

August 8, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 8, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A civil rights organization said it has filed a federal lawsuit against South Carolina, contending the state unfairly limits how candidates are chosen to be on voter ballots. The American Civil Liberties Union said it filed the lawsuit Thursday in U.S. District Court in Columbia. The organization said the state's so-called sore loser law is unconstitutional. The law prevents a candidate who loses a primary election from appearing on a ballot as the candidate of a different political party. The ACLU filed its lawsuit on behalf of a voter, the Green Party and a one-time state House candidate. Election Commission spokesman Chris Whitmire said the law protects a party's selection process.

August 20, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 20, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A Senate committee will decide if South Carolina needs to rethink tax breaks for movie makers that some state leaders have said do not return much to taxpayers. The Film Incentives Study Committee met Tuesday in Columbia and plans to revamp or scrap the program later this year. State Parks, Recreation and Tourism Secretary Chad Prosser said South Carolina only gets 19 cents back on every dollar put into hiring incentives. Prosser said the program's tax breaks on wages, sales taxes and supplies lack clear goals. He said South Carolina and other states seem to be in a race to see who can spend and lose the most attracting film and TV productions.

September 9, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 9, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Gov. Mark Sanford is keeping the public's attention on the state budget problem. Sanford said he'll devote his Cabinet meeting Tuesday to talking about across-the-board budget cuts. Sanford has called on the Legislature to return to Columbia and come up with specific spending reductions. The governor said the across-the-board cuts are a one-size-fits-all approach that will take a toll on key state operations. Legislative leaders said there is no need to address budget problems before they return in January for the 2009 session.

September 9, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 9, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Chief executives stepping down from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are waiting for their final paychecks, which will total \$24 million. But two Democratic lawmakers said they shouldn't get that much. The government took control of the two

mortgage financing agencies earlier this week, and the two senators said financial mismanagement is the cause. In a letter to the Federal Housing Finance Agency, they said that the millions of dollars in bonuses for executives is "out of line" because "errors in [management](#)" are now costing taxpayer dollars. The Democratic senators, Charles Schumer of New York and Jack Reed of Rhode Island, both sit on the Senate's banking committee. Some members of Congress began seeking pay curbs after the two companies' CEOs received \$32 million in compensation last year. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson announced Sunday that the government would take control of both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, temporarily putting them in a government conservatorship, replacing their CEOs and taking a financial stake in the companies. The move could end up costing taxpayers billions of dollars. The two companies together own or guarantee more than \$5 trillion in mortgages. Obama Reacts: Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama also objected to reports Monday that the ousted heads of the mortgage giants may receive lucrative severance packages and asked the Bush administration to ensure their "poor leadership" isn't rewarded. "Under no circumstances should the executives of these institutions earn a windfall at a time when the U.S. Treasury has taken unprecedented steps to rescue these companies with taxpayer resources," Obama said in a letter to Paulson and Federal Housing Finance Agency Director James Lockhart. "I urge you immediately to clarify that the agreement with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac voids any such inappropriate windfall payments to outgoing CEOs and senior management." Obama was reacting to a report Monday in The New York Times on a consulting firm's analysis that found departing Fannie Mae head Daniel Mudd stands to collect \$9.3 million in severance pay, [retirement benefits](#) and deferred compensation under the terms of his employment contract, provided his dismissal is deemed to be "without cause." Treasury spokeswoman Brookly McLaughlin said Treasury would have no immediate response to Obama's letter. Obama said Congress explicitly gave the Treasury Department authority to block any severance packages as part of a takeover. "It would be a gross violation of the public trust to fail to use this authority now, while American taxpayers and American homeowners, already struggling in a weak economy, are being asked to accept an historic intervention to rescue these institutions," he said. McCain Calls Bailout Necessary: Republican nominee John McCain and his running mate, Sarah Palin, criticized the bailout of the mortgage giants, calling it "outrageous" but needed in a joint editorial published Tuesday in The Wall Street Journal. "The bailout of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is another outrageous, but sadly necessary, step for these two institutions," they wrote "Given the long-term mismanagement and flawed structure of these two companies, this was the only short-term alternative for ensuring that hard-working Americans have access to affordable mortgages during this difficult economic period," they wrote. They did not comment on whether they favored the bonuses.

September 15, 2008
September 15, 2008

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The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford has ordered some agencies to halt nonessential state travel this week due to the short-term shortage of gas caused by Hurricane Ike. Sanford called for the restrictions Monday for the 15 agencies under his control. He's asked other agencies to do the same. The governor said his office will monitor fuel availability to determine whether to keep the restrictions for longer than a week. Sanford again urged residents to use common sense when buying gas, so that panic-buying does not worsen the short-term shortage. AAA: Gas Prices Hit Record Levels In SC: AAA Carolinas said Monday there is gasoline in South Carolina, but warned drivers they will have to pay record prices. Auto club spokesman Tom Crosby said the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded was \$4.12 on Monday in South Carolina. The previous record before the gas shortages caused by Hurricane Ike was \$3.91 in July. Gas in Columbia was the most expensive at \$4.21 a gallon, while prices in Charleston have fallen to \$3.94 a gallon. Crosby said AAA Carolina is receiving reports of scattered stations out of gas, but said supply should not be a serious problem. Crosby said prices should begin going down as supplies improve by next week. Until then, he recommends taking fewer trips and driving slower on the highway. The South Carolina Attorney General's Office said drivers who suspect price gouging should contact their office at 803-734-3970 or e-mail them at gasprices@scattorneygeneral.com. NC Attorney General Sends Subpoenas To 7 Gas Stations: North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper has sent subpoenas to seven gasoline retailers who reportedly charged as much as \$7.32 a gallon for regular fuel last week. Cooper said during a news conference Monday afternoon that more subpoenas are being prepared and that retailers will have 10 days to explain why their prices went so high. The seven targeted in the first round of subpoenas were cited for charging more than \$5.49 a gallon for fuel. Subpoenas went to gas stations in Anson, Ashe, Cherokee, Guilford, Montgomery, Stanly and Transylvania counties, Cooper said. Gas prices went up shortly after Hurricane Ike struck the Texas coastline and its numerous oil refineries. Cooper said gouging for greed will not be tolerated in North Carolina.

September 17, 2008
September 17, 2008

10:00pm
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The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: South Carolina's attorney general has dispatched prosecutors across the state to investigate allegations of gas price gouging. Spokesman Mark Plowden said Wednesday that Attorney General Henry McMaster has sent agents to stations and suppliers to determine when decisions were made to change prices, and by how much. Gas prices shot up shortly before Hurricane Ike struck the Texas coastline and its oil refineries. State law allowed McMaster to criminally investigate the claims after President George W. Bush declared a state of emergency last week. As of Wednesday, McMaster's office has issued 12 subpoenas to question retailers, and Plowden said more subpoenas are possible. The average price Wednesday for a gallon of regular gas \$4.075 in South Carolina, up from \$3.522 a month ago and \$2.631 a year ago.

September 23, 2008
September 23, 2008

10:00pm
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Federal regulatory judges have rejected a request from an environmental group who objects to Duke Energy's plan for two nuclear reactors in northern South Carolina. The Greenville News reported Tuesday that Atomic Safety and Licensing Board judges ruled against 11 objections of an environmental group about the reactors near Gaffney. The Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League questioned the impact of the plants on water supplies, global warming and other issues. The judges said the group failed to submit appropriate issues to be considered, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League science director Louis Zeller said the group is considering appealing to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Duke Energy spokeswoman Rita Sipe said the Charlotte, N.C., company is pleased with the decision.

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Jobs, Economy, Growth

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2008**

Problem/Need: **JOBS/ECONOMY/GROWTH**

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July 3, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 3, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Lockheed Martin Corp. plans to cut up to 100 jobs from its aircraft refurbishing facility in Greenville County. The defense contractor told The Greenville News on Wednesday that employees will receive formal layoff notices next week. Officials at the Maryland company said they expect the workload to pick back up after military aircraft return from overseas deployment later this year. Lockheed Martin currently employs nearly 900 workers at the 161-acre site in Greenville County, and has contracts with another 55 employees. Last month, the company said 100 employees at its Mauldin facility would transfer to Pennsylvania by year's end.

July 7, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 7, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Every Little League baseball player dreams of playing under the glistening lights of a stadium. "If you're good enough, you can make it to the major leagues," said Lucas Coan, a player in the Greenville Little League. For Lucas and other Greenville Little League players, their dreams of playing under the lights are about to come true. As early as next spring, they will be able to call the old Greenville Municipal Stadium home. The big plan includes a park, four outdoor baseball diamonds, and a facelift for the stadium, which can seat over 5,000. The first phase of the \$4 million project could be done as early as next spring. "We'll be able to offer new programs for all ages," said Niel Jones, a board member for the Greenville Little League. "Girls softball, for the first time, and it will give us a new home." The old Braves stadium will hopefully be the new home of the southeastern regional headquarters for the Little League. The grand plan is to lure the National Little League headquarters to Greenville. The proposal will be sent in a box, with peanuts and popcorn included. If the proposal hits a home run, it could have an estimated \$2.4 million annual impact on the city. "I think it is going to be a great recreation facility for thousands of kids every year, and an opportunity to bring tournaments," Gean Smith of the Greenville County Recreation District. The city will have an answer from the National Little League regarding relocating its headquarters by mid-November.

July 7, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 7, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: When Dean Jenkins hops in his garbage truck, he starts his day with a mission to keep streets clean. "See, I have to ride the city everyday," Jenkins said. "I cover the city every week." Jenkins knows the streets of Clemson well, and pinpoints debris in the area by using a GPS. Drivers use the GPS by punching in what kind of debris is on the side of the road like brush, appliances or construction equipment and an address. "I usually cover 50 to 60 miles a day. I just punch that button and it will record where it's at," Jenkins said. After that information is downloaded from the GPS, there's a print-out which shows another crew where to pick up the debris. "We decided to put them on garbage trucks in the city because the trucks have to go down every street, every week no matter what," said Jim Oswald, cofounder of Pinpoint GeoTech. Oswald helped create the GPS software. "They drive up and down the streets less and that of course burns less fuel," Oswald said Monday afternoon. Oswald hopes the idea will translate into big business for the Clemson area and South Carolina. "It gives us the ability to hire more people to build call centers and support centers," Oswald said. Employees said it makes Jenkins' job a little easier too. On Monday, Clemson City Administrators also announced that two new systems will be installed in garbage trucks.

July 7, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 7, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The latest Census Bureau figures show that the coast remains one of the fastest-growing areas of South Carolina. The new figures show Bluffton had the fastest growth rate in the state since the year 2000, growing at 218 percent. The Beaufort County community now has just over 4,000 residents. However, in terms of sheer numbers, Mount Pleasant had the greatest growth. It added more than 17,000 people in seven years. The town's population is now estimated at almost 65,000. Summerville added the second-most people, more than 16,000. Its population is estimated at just over 44,000.

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DESCRIPTION: Fifty people are without a job after a fire sweeps through an Pickens County sawmill on Wednesday night. The fire happened at Durham Sawmill on Looper Lane. Firefighters said the sawmill was full of sawdust, wood chips and oil, which made the blaze particularly difficult to fight. Crews battled the flames for about an hour and a half and then spent the remainder of Wednesday night putting out hot spots. Firefighters said they had to climb under the mill and into a pit filled with 8 feet of sawdust to get the fire extinguished. "All the sawdust that's accumulated in here over time," said Chris Elrod with the Pickens Fire Department as he pointed to the smoke rising from the building. Firefighters said they believe an employee who was welding inside the mill started the blaze. The owner, Zecil Durham, said he is coming to terms with the loss of his business. He said the mill will be out of commission for at least two months. "Lord, yeah," Durham said. "It will put a hurting anytime you are out of work. It hurts with fuel prices the way they are." Durham said his 50 employees will be without work until the business is back up and running.

July 18, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 18, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: South Carolina's jobless rate dropped slightly in June, recovering from its two-year high the month before. The Employment Security Commission reported Friday that the state's unemployment slid to 6.2 percent. That was an improvement from May, when the rate jumped to 6.5 percent, but is still well above the 5.9 percent reported in April. Forecasters said even with the slight job gains in South Carolina, high gas prices and housing concerns will keep the state's unemployment rate high. The national unemployment rate held steady in June at 5.5 percent.

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DESCRIPTION: South Carolina transportation officials have asked for money from the federal government to study whether the first-ever carpool lanes in the state should be built on Interstate 26 in Charleston. State Transportation Secretary Buck Limehouse told The Post and Courier of Charleston that the idea of adding high-occupancy-vehicle lanes began as the area geared up for a project to widen part of I-26 to eight lanes. HOV lanes are dedicated to vehicles with at least two people in them. Limehouse said the study will cost about \$4 million, and HOV lanes could be scrapped if research suggests they will not work. However, Limehouse said, if they are a good idea, HOV lanes could come to Columbia and Greenville too.

July 22, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 22, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: There's disappointing news for another large [bank](#). [Wachovia](#) Corp. said it lost \$8.86 billion in the second quarter. It substantially cut its dividend and it will cut 6,350 jobs. Shares have fallen to mid-1991 values in premarket trading. The nation's fourth-largest bank by assets says it lost the equivalent of \$4.20 per share in the period from April to June. The Charlotte-based bank cut its quarterly dividend to 5 cents per share, down from 37.5 cents. That will conserve approximately \$700 million of capital per quarter. Wachovia's chairman called the results "disappointing and unacceptable." Late Monday, Wachovia announced plans to leave the wholesale mortgage lending business.

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DESCRIPTION: Worries about gasoline prices and the economy are hurting the state's tourism industry. Brad Dean with the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce said people are still [traveling](#) to the Grand Strand. However, Dean said there is a consistent trend of shorter stays and reduced spending. The [Travel](#) Industry Association projects summer travel will drop 1.5 percent from last year, the first such decline in four years. Spokeswoman Cathy Keefe said Americans are still expected to take an estimated 327 million vacation trips this summer. Gregory Christopher at the Garden City Inn and Ocean View Inn in Garden City said many reservations are being made at the last minute. Hotel occupancy in the region is down about 4 percent in the past six weeks, compared to last year.

July 24, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION: South Carolina should save \$235 million during the next decade by refinancing [bonds](#) tied to a national lawsuit settlement with cigarette companies. State Treasurer Converse Chellis compared it to a homeowner refinancing their home to a 15-year mortgage from one that last 30 years. In this case, the bonds would have been paid off in 2019 and now they'll be repaid in 2012. It was good news after the state's economic advisors said this week the state likely will finish the year \$100 million short on revenue and be forced to dip into its reserve accounts.

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DESCRIPTION: On Thursday, about 2 million Americans will get a raise. That's when the [federal](#) minimum wage goes up 70 cents an hour. The raise -- from \$5.85 to \$6.55 per hour -- is the second of three annual increases required by a 2007 law. The bad news may be that higher gas and food prices will likely swallow up that extra cash. Energy costs have soared nearly 25 percent. The price of food is up more than 5 percent. Then again, there's always next year: that's when another hike brings the federal minimum to \$7.25 an hour.

July 29, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION: Officials with the Lockheed Martin facility in Greenville said Tuesday they will lay off nearly 100 workers in September. Rob Gross, spokesman for Lockheed Martin, said the business talked to their employees about the need for additional [staffing](#) reductions at the aircraft maintenance and modification facility on Terminal Road. Gross said the company will be cutting between 80 and 110 positions to better align itself with current business requirements. Gross said long-term expectations call for increased stability in the company as it recruits new business. The job cuts are thanks to a low demand for aircraft sustainment and modifications, Gross said. Gross said the company hopes that by talking with their employees now, they can provide them with additional opportunities within Lockheed-Martin. Lockheed Martin is an aerospace manufacturer and advanced technology company that was formed in 1995. The facility in Greenville focuses on maintenance, modification and logistics support. The company employs nearly 140,000 people worldwide.

August 8, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION: A company that spins fiber used in bulletproof vests said Thursday it will bring about 150 new jobs to Mauldin. Innegrity is a company that makes fibers used for various materials, including bulletproof vests. The company's [chief executive officer](#), Brian Morin, said the business will hire the new employees over the next two years. The new hires will work in manufacturing and engineering, Morin said. "The size of the market is gargantuan," Morin said. "Fiber companies are companies like Monsanto and Dupont. They are not startups. There is a possibility that we turn into something like that." Morin said Innegrity will open its Mauldin facility next month.

August 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 11, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: State [transportation](#) officials said they are studying whether to add car pool lanes on interstates in Columbia, Greenville, Rock Hill and Charleston. Transportation Secretary Buck Limehouse said possibilities include restricting lanes to [vehicles](#) with at least two people inside and requiring drivers to pay a toll to use certain lanes. Limehouse said officials will gather drivers' opinions through public meetings and surveys. The roads being considered include I-77 in Rock Hill; I-26 in Charleston; I-385 in Greenville; and I-26, I-20 and I-126 in Columbia. In some cases, the lanes could be built as part of widening projects. In other cases, Limehouse said existing lanes could be made into car pool lanes.

August 12, 2008
August 12, 2008

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The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Wachovia said it plans to cut 600 more jobs than it previously expected as it works to reduce expenses in the face of staggering losses tied to mortgage debt. The bank's quarterly filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission said it now expects to eliminate 11,350 positions, including 6,950 active employees and 4,400 open positions. Last month, upon reporting a second-quarter loss of nearly \$9 billion, the Charlotte-based bank said it planned to eliminate 10,750 positions, including 6,350 active employees. The bank said a majority of the cuts are expected to come from the mortgage area. Shares rose 28 cents to close at \$18.21.

August 15, 2008
August 15, 2008

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The Ten O'clock News
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: South Carolina's unemployment rate has shot to its highest level in nearly three years. The state Employment Security Commission said Friday that South Carolina's jobless rate in July rose to 7 percent -- nearly a full point from the month before. That is the highest rate since October 2005, when state unemployment was 6.9 percent. There were nearly 19,000 fewer people working in July, officials said. Officials blamed the increase on schools closed for the summer, along with layoffs in the manufacturing sector and more people looking for jobs. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose slightly in July, from 5.5 percent to 5.7 percent. Allendale County posted the state's highest jobless rate, at 15.9 percent. Lexington County had the lowest rate, at 5.2 percent.

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September 18, 2008

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DESCRIPTION: Company officials said Wednesday that automotive seating supplier Lear Corp. plans to expand its Spartanburg County plant and add 140 jobs. The Michigan-based company that makes seats and electric parts said it plans to spend \$10.8 million on the expansion. Plans include building a new plant in Greer to increase production of automotive seats. About 240 people work at Lear's plant in Duncan, which supplies seats to nearby BMW.

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DESCRIPTION: The White House said President George W. Bush is canceling a planned trip to Alabama and Florida on Thursday to consult with his economic advisers in Washington. Bush had planned to attend a Republican fundraiser in Jupiter, Fla., and tour a waste facility in Huntsville, Ala. He also was to have attended another fundraiser in Huntsville. Vice President Dick Cheney will attend the Huntsville fundraiser instead. White House spokesman Tony Fratto said the president will continue to work with his economic advisers on the serious challenges confronting U.S. [financial](#) markets. Fratto said the health of U.S. financial markets is critical to the nation's economy and the president remains focused on taking action to stabilize and strengthen the markets and to restore investor confidence. The Federal Reserve's bailout of insurance giant American International Group is reminding some of the most powerful members of Congress how little power they sometimes have. Neither side of the aisle was especially pleased with the Fed's \$85 billion [loan](#) to AIG. For one thing, lawmakers didn't like the decision being sprung on them with no notice. U.S. Rep. Roy Blunt, the GOP's second in command in the House, said Republicans feel like they "could have had and should have had more information sooner." Democrats appear content to let the Bush administration and the Fed take responsibility for the call. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said, "This is their problem. This is their solution." But Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad said there was "very little choice." In hopes of helping constituents in some way, Congress has approved through the 2010 school year a program that will allow students who rely on loans to continue their education regardless of current difficulties in the private credit market. The bill authorizes the secretary of education to buy loans from lenders in the federal guaranteed loan program when those lenders are unable to meet demand

because of the credit crunch. It ensures that lenders will have reliable access to capital to make new loans. The legislation now goes to Bush for his signature.

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The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Scrambling for a quick accord on the \$700 billion bailout, the Bush administration and leading lawmakers have agreed to include mortgage aid and strong congressional oversight along with unprecedented help for failing [financial institutions](#), a key lawmaker said Monday. Unimpressed, investors sent stocks plummeting anew, pushed oil up \$16 a barrel and propelled gold prices ever higher as they searched for a safe place to park their [money](#). President George W. Bush prodded Congress to pass the administration's rescue plan quickly, declaring, "The whole world is watching." And there did seem to be movement in talks between the White House and Capitol Hill. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, said "a great deal of progress has already been made." And a government official with knowledge of the talks said the administration had agreed to create a plan to help prevent foreclosures on mortgages it acquires as part of the bailout - a key demand of Democratic lawmakers. Under other additions the Democrats are asking to the administration package, according to a draft of the plan obtained by The Associated Press:

- Judges could rewrite mortgages to lower bankrupt homeowners' monthly payments.
- Companies that unloaded their bad assets on the government in the massive rescue would have to limit their executives' pay packages and agree to revoke any bonuses awarded based on bogus claims.

The proposal by Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., the Banking Committee chairman, would give the government broad power to buy up virtually any kind of bad asset -- including credit card debt or car loans -- from any financial institution in the U.S. or abroad in order to stabilize markets. But it would end the program at the end of next year, instead of creating the two-year initiative that the Bush administration has sought. And it would add layers of oversight, including an emergency board to keep an eye on the program with two congressional appointees, and a special inspector general appointed by the president. The plan also would require that the government get shares in the troubled companies helped by the rescue. Wall Street didn't seem comforted. The Dow Jones industrials were down nearly 400 points near the end of the trading day. Investors were uncertain just how successful the administration's plan will be in unfreezing credit markets, which many businesses depend on to fund day-to-day operations, and for propping up the still-weak housing market. Congressional aides said the House could act on a bailout bill as early as Wednesday. Bush said, "Obviously, there will be differences over some details, and we will have to work through them. That is an understandable part of the policy making process." But he also said, "It would not be understandable if members of Congress sought to use this emergency legislation to pass unrelated provisions, or to insist on provisions that would undermine the effectiveness of the plan." The proposal that Dodd sent to Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson would let judges modify the mortgages of homeowners in bankruptcy to allow them to keep their homes. It also would require that the government come up with "a systematic approach for preventing foreclosure" on the mortgages it acquires as part of the bailout. That would include the home loans held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the troubled mortgage giants now under the control of a government regulator. Treasury spokeswoman Brookly McLaughlin said, "We are confident that we can get a bill done this week." The fast-moving negotiations between the administration and Congress unfolded a day after the government approved a request by investment houses Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley to change their status to bank holding companies. That change will allow the two venerable institutions to set up commercial banks that will be able to take deposits, significantly bolstering the resources of both institutions. It will also grant them permanent access to emergency loans supplied by the Fed rather than the temporary loan status they have had since last March when the Fed moved to prop up investment banks following the forced sale of Bear Stearns. Frank said that lawmakers "are building strong oversight" into the new bailout measure. "The private sector got us into this mess," he said, "The government has to get us out of it. We do want to do it carefully." Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, speaking Monday on NBC's "Today" show, said, "We are in the most serious crisis since World War II."

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DESCRIPTION: Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke bluntly warned Congress on Tuesday that it risks a recession if it fails to act on the administration's \$700 billion bailout plan. He told the Senate Banking Committee that credit markets would dry up, leaving companies without the capital needed to expand and consumers without access to loans to buy big-ticket items such as cars and homes. That in turn, he said, would result in lost [jobs](#). He added that "more houses will be foreclosed upon" and "the economy will just not be able to recover in a normal, healthy way." Earlier, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson urged Congress to pass the proposal quickly, calling the plan "the single most effective thing we can do to help homeowners, the American people and stimulate our economy." Still, the plan is being sharply criticized by congressional Republicans. Kentucky Sen. Jim Bunning called the plan "financial socialism" and "un-American." The Republicans said the sheer size of the plan would take \$2,300 from every man, woman and child in the United States. Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., vented his anger at what he called a combination of "private greed and public regulatory neglect" that resulted in

an "economic maelstrom." "We all recognize the gravity of the situation," Dodd said. The committee's ranking Republican, Richard Shelby, said he's concerned that he has heard "no credible assurances that this plan will work." Vice President Cheney and White House budget director Jim Nussle have been meeting privately with several Republican House members who are not happy with the bill's price tag or with what they see as unwarranted government involvement in private [business](#). The administration is still wrangling over terms of the bailout plan. It has agreed to an oversight board to guide the buy-up of bad loans and to protect homeowners from foreclosure over a government-acquired mortgage. But it's still balking at Democrats' calls to curb excessive payouts to executives of companies the government has to rescue. A government official with knowledge of the talks said the administration had agreed to create a plan to help prevent foreclosures on mortgages it acquires as part of the bailout -- a key demand of Democratic lawmakers. Under other additions the Democrats are asking to add to the administration package, according to a draft of the plan obtained by The Associated Press:

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Clinton Urges Taxpayer Protections: Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said she worries that taxpayers could be left "holding the bag" with plans for a \$700 billion government program to stabilize the country's distressed financial markets. Interviewed on Tuesday morning on CBS's "The Early Show," she said she agrees that the situation is critical and that something must be done quickly. She said, "The house is on fire and we've got to call the fire department and put the fire out." But Clinton also said that Congress should not "give the Treasury a blank check" to straighten out the problem. Meanwhile, President George W. [Bush spoke at the United Nations](#) on Tuesday morning, where he attempted to reassure world leaders about the U.S financial crisis. It was the president's last speech to the U.N. General Assembly. Stocks Open Higher: The stock market turned lower in afternoon trading Tuesday, with the Dow down more than 100 points. The market is coming off of Monday's nearly 373-point decline in the Dow. Oil and gold prices retreated Tuesday after seeing sharp rises Monday. The dollar gained ground.

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DESCRIPTION: South Carolina's senators are on different sides of the financial rescue package being pushed to ease a financial meltdown on Wall Street. U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint, a Republican, said in a television interview Wednesday that the fix being offered will not cure what is wrong. U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, also a Republican, told reporters in a [conference call](#) that doing nothing would lead to a financial catastrophe where people could not find money to borrow for homes or college. DeMint said it is better to address longer-term economic problems with things like [tax breaks](#). Graham said the \$700 billion plan as proposed would give Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson too much power and he wants to make sure financial company leaders do not walk away richer.

September 25, 2008
September 25, 2008

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The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Negotiators have gone home for the night, without agreement on a [financial](#) rescue plan. Congressional leaders had said earlier there was a tentative agreement. But a revolt by Republican conservatives forced lawmakers and administration officials back to Capitol Hill.

It appeared the agreement was headed toward approval before a White House meeting also attended by Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain. That's when it was obvious there were conflicts. That forced the return to Capitol Hill for an 8 p.m. meeting. But the effort stalled after about two hours. Democrats blamed the House Republicans for the apparent stalemate. Those conservatives have complained that the plan would be too costly for taxpayers and would be an unacceptable federal intrusion into private business.

The talks are scheduled to resume Friday morning. Earlier Thursday, key lawmakers claimed agreement on an outline and crucial details of the plan aimed at staving off national economic disaster. Congressional aides said the tentative accord gave the Bush administration just a fraction of the money it wanted up front, with half the \$700 billion total subject to a congressional veto. But conservatives were still in revolt, balking at the astonishing price tag and the heavy hand of government that it would place on private markets. **GOP Conservatives Present Rescue Alternative:** A group of House conservatives are proposing an alternative plan to rescue shaky financial institutions. The plan the conservatives are offering is a package of tax breaks and a new government-sponsored insurance program for mortgage-backed securities. Banks, financial firms and other investors holding toxic [mortgage](#) securities would pay premiums to the Treasury to finance the insurance coverage. Institutions holding higher-risk securities would require higher premiums. Virginia U.S. Rep. Eric Cantor, a Republican, said the alternative plan would remove the burden of the bailout from taxpayers and instead place it, over time, on Wall Street. **McCain, Obama React After Meeting:** McCain and Obama both spoke after meeting at the White House with Bush and other key lawmakers. Obama said Congress needs to do more work to reach a deal to address the financial crisis. The Democratic presidential nominee told CNN that jobs, economic growth, retirement accounts and financial markets will all be at risk without a bailout plan. Obama said he came out thinking they will reach a deal, but some work still needs to be done. While other Democrats said McCain is part of the problem keeping a deal from being

reached, Obama would not criticize McCain. He said he and McCain must be careful not to "start injecting presidential politics into delicate negotiations." Meanwhile, McCain said Congress and the Bush administration are making progress toward an agreement. McCain said some in Congress have "legitimate concerns" about the big price tag for taxpayers. But he said those critics also are aware of the crisis situation the country faces. He said he is hopeful that an agreement will be reached so he can attend Friday's presidential debate in Mississippi. Stocks Close Higher: Stocks closed higher after word that congressional leaders had agreed on the financial rescue plan aimed at heading off a national economic disaster. Marking its first positive close this week, the Dow gained about 197 points to 11,022. The S&P 500 added 23 points to 1,209. And the Nasdaq composite surged nearly 31 points to 2,186. Advancing issues topped decliners by a more than 2-to-1 margin. NYSE volume came to 5.7 billion shares. Nasdaq stock market volume was 1.8 billion shares. Light, sweet crude for November delivery rose \$2.29 to settle at \$108.02 a barrel.

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The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The backlash against the bailout worked. The House rejected the controversial \$700 billion rescue plan on Monday. But considering that the Dow plummeted nearly 800 points - its worst one-day point drop in history - will there now be a backlash against the backlash? "Many of the folks writing their congressmen last week to say they were against the plan may have looked at their 401(k)s this morning and are rethinking their position," said Bill Knapp, investment strategist with MainStay Investments, an asset manager based in New York. Talkback: Should Congress pass a new version of a bailout or just do nothing? Sure, stocks rebounded a bit Tuesday. But make no mistake. If Congress doesn't come up with some new plan to address this credit crisis, we could be faced with more gut-churning market drops. I stated last week why I thought the bailout was a necessary evil and I still feel that way. I understand why people are angry. I'm angry. I am not happy that the government is in this position because of reckless behavior by banking executives, investors, lax regulation by the government and, yes, even consumers. And I even can concede that there is a lot of merit to the claims by critics that we should let the market sort out the country's credit problems. In free markets, companies should be allowed to fail. And clearly, the market and government let Lehman Brothers fail. However, in the wake of the Lehman bankruptcy, things just got worse and more dominos fell ... AIG, Washington Mutual, Wachovia, etc. The crisis is now so pronounced that doing nothing is not really a viable option. And what infuriates me to no end is the refusal by some members of Congress and taxpayers to recognize that the consequences of doing nothing will mean more economic hardship for all Americans, not just bank CEOs, traders and New York City. Let Wall Street burn. Let Wall Street die. Let Wall Street go bankrupt. That's what people opposed to the bailout are saying over and over. Don't get me wrong. Wall Street deserves a lot of the blame for the mortgage mess. But it's overly simplistic and flat-out wrong to suggest that this is just a New York or Wall Street problem. There are a lot of companies that have either already collapsed or are nearing the precipice of failure as a result of the credit crunch ... and many of them are located far from lower Manhattan. That means many jobs are on the line and they aren't just the jobs of traders, blue-blood investment bankers and CEOs. Washington Mutual (WM, Fortune 500), which became the largest bank to fail in history last week, is based in Seattle and has more than 2200 branches across 15 states. Wachovia (WB, Fortune 500), which dumped its banking assets to Citigroup (C, Fortune 500) in a fire sale Monday, is headquartered in Charlotte, N.C. National City (NCC, Fortune 500), which many investors are betting could be the next bank to go under, is based in Cleveland. Shares of two other big Ohio banks - Cleveland's KeyCorp (KEY, Fortune 500) and Cincinnati-based Fifth Third (FITB, Fortune 500) - also got pummeled Monday. SunTrust (STI, Fortune 500), which lost nearly a quarter of its value Monday, is an Atlanta institution. Regions Financial (RF, Fortune 500) plummeted more than 40% on Monday. That bank is based in Birmingham, Ala. A bank bailout plan of some sort might not stop other banks from going under but it could certainly help minimize the pain in the industry. "If we had a bailout, it would lessen the likelihood of further bank failures. We may have some more down the pipeline but we would have less without a bailout," said Robert Dye, senior economist for PNC Financial Services Group in Pittsburgh. If more banks get scooped up by larger rivals or just flat-out go under, that could lead to more job losses in the financial industry. That's not good news for the broader economy. Fears about more bank collapses have also led to chaos in the credit markets as banks are afraid to lend to each other, which makes them less willing to extend credit to businesses. That, eventually, will be felt by consumers. "The core of the problem is with credit markets, which is one step removed from Main Street. The average guy and gal is not seeing this yet but if you are a business, you are facing highly elevated costs to borrow money," Dye said. "And Main Street will definitely feel this eventually. We'll also see higher rates for credit cards and other consumer loans. The cost of credit will rise dramatically," Dye added. Dye also said that if more businesses start to feel a major cash pinch, they are very likely to cut back on hiring and may even start to layoff workers. That would add to the this year's 600,000 job losses. In turn, that could intensify the economic slowdown by causing sharp pullbacks in consumer spending. On top of all that, the current stock market chaos does nobody any good. I'm not trying to cheerlead the market higher. Many stocks, particularly in the banking sector, should be trading much lower. But the credit crisis has spilled over into the broader market, hitting shares of many quality companies that are still financially healthy. As a result, \$1.2 trillion in stock market value was wiped out in the wake of Monday's sell-off. That's bad news for more than just hedge fund managers - it hurts the millions of Americans that actively manage their investment portfolios as well as the millions more who have 401(k)s or IRAs for retirement as well as 529 plans to save for their kids' college tuition. "It's easy to point the finger at the credit crunch being just a Wall Street problem. But it's much more pervasive than that so that's why it's imperative that this be addressed," said Knapp, the investment expert. "If a rescue plan doesn't pass we will see markets sell off further." Dye agreed. He said the biggest problem with the bailout is that it would in some fashion, allow some companies off the hook for egregiously bad decisions. Nobody is happy about that. But doing nothing just so that Wall Street can suffer is not the answer

either. "People don't want reward bad behavior. But we don't want to cut off our nose to spite our face here," Dye said. "This will hurt Main Street very quickly."

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DESCRIPTION: The Dow bounced back on Tuesday, a day after a historic 777-point decline linked to the failure of the [financial](#) rescue package. The Dow closed more than 450 points up, as carnage on Wall Street often attracts bargain hunters. Yet, questions remain about how Wall Street will move ahead without a bailout plan, though caution will likely best describe the pace. It's likely that investors will continue to cast one eye toward Capitol Hill, hoping lawmakers resurrect the government's bailout effort and absorb soured [mortgages](#) weighing down the balance sheets of banks. Concerns over those bad debts are making credit tighter and more expensive for businesses and consumers. Congressional leaders are trying to come up with enough changes in the administration's \$700 billion financial rescue plan to persuade members who voted against it Monday to change their minds and sign on. They need to attract about a dozen votes to avoid another defeat. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said it's time lawmakers "act like grownups" and "get this done for all of the people." Both Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama are suggesting adding an [increase in the federal deposit insurance limit](#) to \$250,000 as a way of boosting confidence in the banking system. Republican House aides said that might appeal to some conservatives who want to help small business owners and avoid runs on banks. Another possible change would modify accounting rules that require banks and other financial institutions to adjust the value of their assets to reflect current market prices even if they plan to hold onto them for years. Some House Republicans said the rules have forced banks to report huge paper losses on mortgage-backed securities which might have been avoided. Earlier Tuesday, President George W. Bush said the economic damage to the nation will be "painful and lasting" if Congress fails to pass a \$700 billion bailout bill. He spoke a day after the House voted narrowly to defeat the massive relief measure that his administration and leading members of Congress had agreed was necessary. Bush described Monday's biggest-ever point decline in the Dow as an ominous and real sign of what is to come if the deal isn't salvaged. He said the administration will be talking with congressional leaders Tuesday about how to keep the plan alive. Bush said that "Congress must act" and that the economy is depending on "decisive action on the part of our government." Saying he is disappointed by the failure of the bill, Bush set out to assure Americans that the effort is not over. "I want to assure our citizens and citizens around the world that this is not the end of the legislative process," he said. He added: "I'm confident we will deliver." Meanwhile, the White House said both Obama and McCain called Bush Tuesday morning to discuss what to do next to save the financial system. A Bush spokesman said both candidates offered ideas on what to do, and reaffirmed that the crisis needs to be addressed. Spokesman Tony Fratto described the calls as "very constructive." At-Risk Lawmakers Vote 'No': Two-thirds of Congress' most vulnerable members from both parties voted against the massive economic rescue package. They opted to protect their seats on Election Day rather than follow their party leaders off a political cliff. Republican Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, who voted for it, said, "We're all worried about losing our jobs." He said, "Most of us say, I want this thing to pass, but I want you to vote for it, not me." Of the 19 most vulnerable House lawmakers tracked by The Associated Press, 13 of them voted against the bill despite pleas from their party leaders. Among the "no" voters was Rep. Nick Lampson of Texas, widely considered the most vulnerable incumbent Democrat from a heavily Republican Houston-area district. He said calls to his office ran at least 15-1 against the package.

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Sundays 9:30 am TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DESCRIPTION: A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sundays 10:00am DAY OF DISCOVERY

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July 7, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 7, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: More than 70 firefighters from eight different departments fought a church fire in Belton Monday afternoon. The New Hope Baptist Church was destroyed after fire ripped through the building sending flames out the roof. More than 12,000 gallons of water, and 3,000 feet of fire hose were no match for the fire. Just 24 hours prior to the fire church members were at Sunday service. Cassandra Phillips, a church member for the past 40 years, said she made a lot of good memories at the church. "It's somewhat unbelievable," said Phillips. "It's so amazing how quickly things can just go up." The church's secretary, Melvina Rogers, said things might look bad now but in the end everything will be fine. "I know God has a better plan than what we think now," said Rogers. "It might look devastating now, but I think he has a better plan." Pastor Donnie Gambrell said his congregation had been debating about building a new Family Life center and possibly a new sanctuary. Gambrell said he thinks that decision was made Monday. "Now it looks like we are going to be building a sanctuary and a family life center," said Gambrell. Pastor Gambrell said Sunday services will be held at Pelzer's Elementary School.

July 18, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 18, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: An Iraqi girl whose foot was injured in a bomb attack underwent surgery on Thursday to amputate her foot. Family said 7-year-old Rusul Jalal's right foot was severely injured when a missile hit near her home in Iraq. Doctors said her foot was turned almost completely backwards, forcing Jalal to walk on the bottom of her ankle bone rather than her foot. Jalal was flown to Greenville to undergo surgery at the Shriners Hospital by a group called No More Victims. Doctors said they successfully removed Jalal's foot during the two-hour surgery on Thursday. Doctors said her recovery is expected to last just over a month. Jalal will then be fitted for a prosthetic foot.

July 21, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 22, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A travel group said motorcycle deaths in South Carolina have increased 40 percent over the past five years. The American Automobile Association of the Carolinas said Monday that rate is likely to increase as higher gas prices push people to buy motorcycles. The head of AAA Carolinas, David Parsons, said motorcycle fatalities have gone from 87 in 2003 to 122 in 2007. Parsons said motorcycles account for only 4 percent of the state's registered vehicles, but are involved in 11 percent of all fatal traffic deaths. Statistics from the Public Safety Department showed that about 75 percent of fatalities involving motorcycles were from riders who did not wear a helmet. State law lets motorcyclists decide if they want to wear a helmet or not.

July 30, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 30, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: First lady Laura Bush talked about the importance of children's involvement in their education during her visit to the Carl Sandburg home on Monday. Bush was on hand for the \$50,000 grant presented by the National Park Foundation to the national historic site. Bush sat on a bench under on a shade tree on the Sandburg farm and talked with a group of children. She also watched as children who are part of the junior ranger program participated in a learning activity. "By getting our youth involved in our national parks, our most magnificent resources, will ensure they are preserved for generations to come," Bush said. Officials said the grant money will be used to expand the park's junior ranger and youth education programs. Since 2004, the National Park Foundation, has directed more than \$3 million of support to junior ranger programs across the country. Some people who live in the area said they are glad the first lady made the visit. "It's exciting to have her come to town and explore the issues and see the area so we can preserve our history," said Suzanne Carlin from Hendersonville. Carl Sandburg was a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and writer. He moved to a North Carolina farm after launching his literary career in the Midwest. He died in 1967, and the historic site now preserves the Sandburg home. This was the second visit to the Carolinas in the last three months for the Bush family. President George W. Bush visited Furman University for the school's graduation ceremony on May 31.

July 30, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
July 30, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Fire destroyed an off-campus apartment building near USC Upstate on Thursday morning. The fire happened at the G building at the Campus Edge apartments around 3:45 p.m., which is across the street from the USC Upstate campus. Fire crews said 22 students were inside the building when the fire broke out. They said the blaze took crews a while to get under control. Witnesses said they saw at least one student jumping from the upper level of the building to escape the flames. Fire crews said at least 24 units were destroyed by the blaze. "Now I've got to start from scratch," said Chad Robinson, who lived on the top floor of the building, as he looked at the remains of his apartment. "It's a new beginning." The American Red Cross was at the scene to help the displaced students find housing at the nearby Villa Apartments. Investigators said they are still trying to determine how the fire started. Anyone wanting to help the students affected by the fire can call 864-583-8000 to contact the Piedmont chapter of the American Red Cross.

August 13, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
August 13, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: City Council members voted Tuesday night not to put an initiative on the November ballot that would allow alcohol sales on Sunday. Council members met with the public and heard their opinions on the issue and voiced their concerns about the possibility of alcohol sales on Sunday. The council voted and decided not to put the initiative to the voters during the general election in November. There was no word on if there will be future discussions on the issue.

September 9, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
September 9, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The renovation of a bathhouse at Paris Mountain State Park earned the nature-haven a national award at the recent National Association of State Park Directors meeting in Idaho. The 2008 President's Award recognizes outstanding contributions and long-term dedication toward the preservation, conservation and interpretation of the nation's state parks, a

spokesperson with the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism said. The department said the renovation of the 1930s bathhouse at the park retains the architectural integrity of the building while allowing it to serve as the park's headquarters. The facility features classroom space and new exhibits that outline the story of the mountain from its first use as a water source to Greenville in the late 1800s. "A community has embraced its state park like never before," said the spokesman for the SCDPRT. Funding for the renovation project was secured through the Friends of Paris Mountain State Park and a \$100,000 grant from BMW.